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RETALIATION TO CONTINUE

Blunt German Warning To Spanish Leftists

INDIGNATION ROUSED BY EXECUTION AT BILBAO

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

Berlin, January 3.

The report of the execution of a German subject, Herr Lothar Guedde, by Spanish Communists at Bilbao, has aroused strong feeling in Germany.

To-day the press carries such comments as this:

"We ask the Powers how long this criminal activity can be regarded passively. Bolshevism means murder."

"Germany will continue to retaliate against the Communist criminals in Bilbao until German property is returned; our measures in Spain have been too mild hitherto."

(The German property here referred to is the detained portion of the cargo of the steamer Palos, seized by Spanish patrol boats last week).—*Reuter Special.*

Spanish Reply:

Madrid, Dec. 3.

An authoritative statement has been issued in Bilbao in reply to German allegations that a German subject had been shot after a mock trial. It states that a German named Guedde, made prisoner at the front on October 5, admitted having served with volunteers with the Nationalist army. He was condemned to death.

At the same time ten other accused, including a German named Eupel and a Swiss named Kehmman, were sentenced to life imprisonment, charged with participating in a military rebellion.—*Reuter Special.*

Aragon Still Held

Berlin, Jan. 3.

The Spanish steamer Aragon, seized by a German warship last week, will not be released until the cargo of the German ship Palos and the passenger carried on that vessel are released by the Spanish Leftists, according to a communique issued by the German News Agency to-day.

In the meantime the entire German press continues to voice the greatest indignation at the alleged anti-German acts committed by the Government forces in Spain and calls for more stringent reprisals against them by the German Government.—*Reuter.*

TAKING OATH OF ALLEGIANCE



Members of the British Cabinet recently took the Oath of Allegiance to the new King. Above are pictured Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary; Mr. J. H. Thomas, centre, former Secretary of State for the Dominions; and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, on his immediate right, the present Dominions Secretary.

QUEEN MARY BETTER

London, Jan. 4.

Queen Mary, who is still at Sandringham with the King and Queen, is said to have quite recovered from the cold which kept her indoors at Christmas time.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON

PROTEST MADE BY AMBASSADOR

London, Jan. 3.

The Ambassador to Spain, who is at Hildaye, has been instructed to call the attention of the Burgos authorities to the incident in which the British steamship Black Hill, 2,492 tons, of Newcastle, was involved on Friday.

While on passage in ballast from Bayonne to Santander to load iron ore for the Tynes, the Black Hill was fired on by a trawler, which is reported to have been a Spanish insurgent vessel. Sixteen shots were fired, but all fell short, and the Black Hill rapidly outdistanced her pursuer into Santander.

Sir Henry Chilton, in view of reports that the trawler belonged to the insurgent forces, will protest to the authorities at Burgos against its action.—*British Wireless.*

LOVER'S PHOTOGRAPH TURNED TO WALL

High Wycombe (Bucks), Dec. 25.

Because her mother had turned her fiancé's photograph to the wall, a girl of 20 forged her parents' signatures to a form of consent to the marriage.

This was stated at the police-court here to-day, when the girl, now Mrs. Joan Elise Vockings, of Woburn, Green, was fined £2 for signing a false notice of consent.

Her mother, Mrs. Walter Hatt, stated that she had disapproved of the match.

Mr. Allan Jones, for Mrs. Vockings, said that the parents were annoyed when she dropped a former lover. She stayed away from home and, frightened at what her mother might do, signed the consent form herself. She was now happily married.

SEAFORTH'S DUE ON WEDNESDAY

Owing to bad weather experienced between here and Singapore, the transport Lancashire which is bringing the 1st Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders here from Egypt, and taking the East Lancashire Regiment from Hongkong to Ambala, India, will not arrive to-morrow. She expects to tie up at Kowloon wharf at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

E.M.S. Folkstone returned to Hongkong this morning from a short cruise to Singapore and anchored at Junk Bay before coming into harbour.—*British Wireless.*

SPEEDS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO MADRID



Such guns as these thundered a Christmas message of hate along the Spanish fronts. On New Year's Eve, at precisely midnight, twelve insurgent shells crashed into the centre of Madrid city. At the same time Government guns bombarded rebel lines. The bombardment has continued intermittently since.

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GOLD PRODUCTION INCREASES

RUSSIAN MINES MAKE SWIFT ADVANCE

New York, Jan. 3.

The Bureau of Metal Statistics has reported that the world gold production for 1936 would total approximately 34,800,000 ounces.

This compares with 30,660,000 ounces of world production in 1935. Also it was estimated that the Russian gold output for the year 1936 was 20 per cent. above that of 1935.—*United Press.*

CANADA'S RAYON OUTPUT GAINS

Washington, Jan. 3.

The Department of Commerce reports that the Canadian silk and rayon industry is showing a sharply upward trend.

The valuation of the production in 1935 was \$28,045,000 compared with \$14,470,000 in 1929, while the number of establishments engaged in the industry is now 33 as compared with 28 in 1929, located in Quebec and Ontario.—*United Press.*

LORD ROTHERMERE LIKES HONGKONG

A letter received from Home states that Lord Rothermere, the British newspaper magnate, will most likely again visit Hongkong this year, so delighted was he with the beauties of the Colony, especially Repulse Bay, during his last visit.

BRITAIN AND ITALY SIGN BROAD PACT

To Protect Interests In Mediterranean

TEXT OF ACCORD FULLY DISCLOSED IN LONDON

London, Jan. 8.

The British and Italian Governments' representatives have signed the Mediterranean accord. The British Ambassador, Sir Eric Drummond, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, penned their signatures to the document yesterday. It consists of joint assurances respecting policy in the Mediterranean sphere.

The text of the declaration reads as follows:

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government, animated by the desire to contribute increasingly to the interests of better, general peace and security, and the betterment of relations between all Mediterranean powers, are resolved to respect the rights and interests of those powers, to recognise that freedom of entry into and exit from and transit through the Mediterranean are vital interests both to the different parts of the British Empire and Italy, and that these interests are in no wise inconsistent with each other."

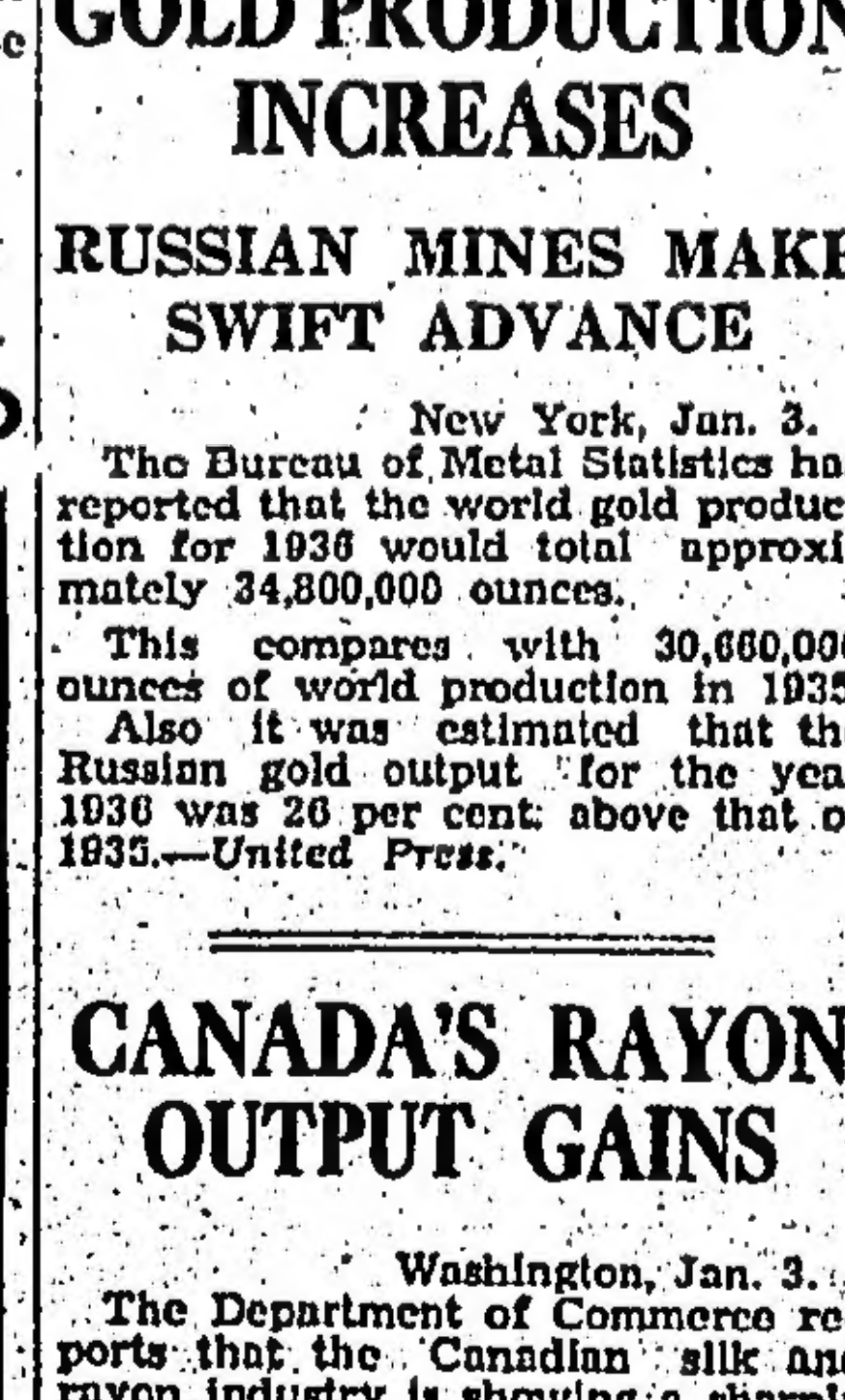
Anglo-Italian Pact Welcome To All Europe

London, Jan. 3.

According to news reports reaching London, the announcement of the signature in Rome yesterday of the Italian and British declaration of the Mediterranean position has been welcomed in all parts of Europe.

The French Foreign Minister, to whom the substance of the agreement was communicated yesterday through the British Embassy in Paris, later made a public statement in which he expressed the delight of the French Government, and associated it with the effort for conciliation and peace embodied in the declaration.—*British Wireless.*

SIGNS ACCORD FOR ITALY



Count Ciano, one-time fighting pilot in the Italian Army, now Foreign Minister, signed the Anglo-Italian Mediterranean accord on behalf of Italy yesterday.

Text of Notes

London, Jan. 3.

The notes exchanged in Rome on December 31 between Sir Eric Drummond and Count Ciano on the integrity of the present territories of Spain, are now made public.

The British Ambassador, in his note, begins by recalling the Commonwealth question and answer of December 18 on the guarantee given to the British Government by the Govern-

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This assurance, the Secretary of State added, was subsequently affirmed spontaneously to the British Naval Attache in Rome by the Italian

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Susan
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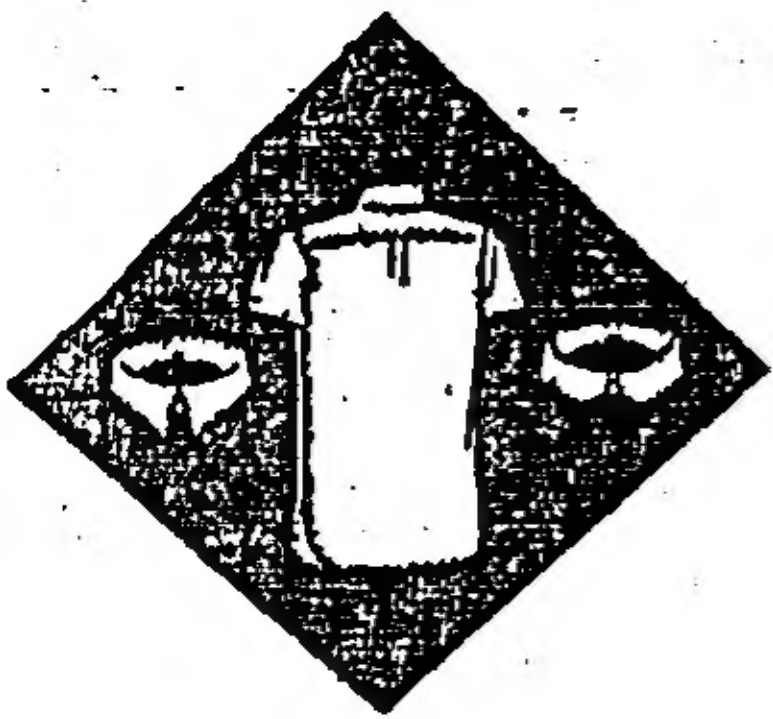
SINCE this weekly feature started I've suggested and described all sorts of patterns that will make a woman look smart and attractive; quite a few that are serviceable and pretty for the children; and, once, a layette for the new baby.

It seems to me, therefore, that it's time I gave a thought to the men—especially as winter is here, and we're racking our brains for bright ideas for warmies for male friends.

So I have looked out three patterns, any one of which, made up, would be an excellent gift. And they are all quite easy to make.

TAKE the dressing-gown for example, shown on the third of Angrave's Invisible Men. A good comfortable style. Easy to slip into with its raglan-shaped shoulders that adapt themselves so accommodatingly to a man's figure, even if he's the very square-shouldered type.

Make it in some warm but light-weight material, a checked cashmere, for instance, one of the new wide-striped woollens or a very soft tweed. Or you can find some interesting broadens in the soft furnishing department that would be admirable for this pattern.



If your husband or boy friend does a lot of travelling then make it in a Paisley-patterned foulard or a dark spotted shantung, so that it will pack up small and travel well.

A NEAT design was used for the pyjama suit shown in the centre of the illustration. This is a particularly good style for winter wear, for the front can be buttoned right up to the throat on cold nights.

The sleeves are set plainly into fairly loose armholes that allow plenty of freedom of movement, lessening the strain at the back of

the arms where jackets seem so often to split.

If you want it to be an extra nice present, make this pattern up in washing silk. It gives a lovely feeling of luxury and yet it wears and launders marvellously.

THE shirt shown here is a good tailored style. The most important thing about a shirt is the neck fitting. Make sure you measure the right size and then you will find the finished product will be a great success.

You can make this pattern in the fray.

ordinary English style, with the almost waist-length opening. Or you can make it in the American coat shape, that is, opening all the way down. And you have a choice of two types of collar, one with points and the other with rounded ends, as shown in the small sketch.

I suggest you make two of each, for collars have a much harder life than the rest of the shirt.

You will probably also have enough material left to make a second pair of cuffs, ready to stitch on when the original ones begin to

BREAKFAST IN BED

FOR ALL that early-rising Spartans may say to the contrary, breakfast in bed can be a benediction, a rejuvenation, a refuge from unpleasant realities and a mild health cure. Often there is no argument when doctor's orders are to take breakfast in bed at least once a fortnight.

Hard-working women who can once a week recline for an hour over morning coffee and rolls or rasher and toast ought to raise this indulgence to the level of a serious ritual.

Begin with a lacy wool or frilly satin negligee, a hot-water bottle and then one of those six-way cushions to prop a lazy back. As their name implies the cushions—which are made in fifty different colours—are shaped like a rounded wedge to fit into the small of the back and to support the shoulders.

Alternatively, get a white quilted satin cushion or a modern ice satin one which has the frosted surface and bluish colour of ice, but is very caressing for a languid head.

Breakfast trays can be, and should be, blithely informal, gay and fresh. Its preparation must allow for a serve-yourself meal in homes where breakfast in bed is not conducted by a maid or butler. (Better without either, a doctor would advise.)

Flowers, if any, can be arranged in a squat Venetian glass vase, or a pottery pot made so low as to be secure against tipping.

The tray should belong to the breakfast set and be in colours to woo the "breakfast" mood. The flannel woman can match them to the colours of her bed-linen, either down, or walls.

After a sleepless night, cereal and cream would look most inviting on a tray painted in a dusty gold cream with gold points. The bone china made of heat-resisting liquid cellulose, in the case of one most attractive type finished with a glass-like sheen the centre resists heat, fire and spirit. All are mounted with chromium-plated frames and handles. On a sycamore tray, breakfast pottery in dark blue or green would



help to improve appetite and outlook.

Tray cloths are no longer needed with these attractive trays, but finger napkins and tea and egg coasters are made to match. Here, again, it is those with green applique or embroidery which help us to meet the morning with happiness.

Soft green is a favourite colour for the early morning. On a tray as green as a lawn, the plates and cups which would like to get up but are not look merry with their graduated hoops of green.

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Useful Chutneys

Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

THESE chutneys are particularly useful because they can be quite easily made and the ingredients are easy to get. Chutneys often make all the difference to cold meats in winter time, whether they are home-made or some of the excellent proprietary kinds.

Banana Chutney

PEEL and slice with a stainless steel knife a dozen bananas. Chop finely a pound of cooking apples, half a pound of onions, and six ounces of seedless raisins. Put these with the bananas into an enamelled saucepan with half a pint of white wine vinegar, half a pound of granulated sugar, a dessertspoonful of curry powder, salt, cayenne pepper and half a tea-spoonful each of ground ginger and powdered cinnamon.

Simmer slowly for two to three hours, being careful to stir to prevent burning. Cool and put into pots like jam.

Green Tomato Chutney

CHOP up finely five pounds of green tomatoes, sprinkle them over with salt, cover them and let them stand all night.

In the morning drain off the liquid, and put the tomato into a stewpan with two pounds of apples and a pound of onions cut up, a pound of brown sugar, a quart of vinegar, half a pound of treacle, and some cloves, allspice and pepper-corns tied up in muslin bag.

Boil all together until the tomatoes are tender (about an hour), take out the bag of spices, pot and cover when cold.

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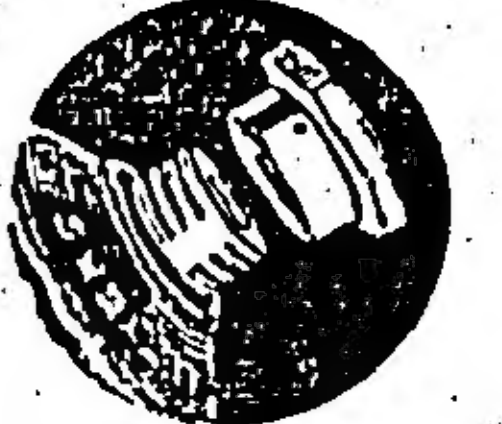
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Churchill Sounds Grave War Alarm

THE NATIONS MUST UNITE WITHIN 6 MONTHS

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL sounded a war alarm recently when he addressed in the Albert Hall a great non-party meeting for the defence of freedom and peace. Ten thousand people of all shades of political and social thought heard the warning—heard this solemn declaration by the speaker:

"To stop the coming war, we must in the next six months gather together the greatest number of nations—all as well armed as possible—and united under the Covenant of the League."

Mr. Churchill said there were two great groups of nations, which he described as "insurance groups," which profoundly desired peace.

In the west were Great Britain, France and Belgium, with which ought to be effectively associated "the very anxious" States of Holland and Switzerland.

In the east were Poland, the Baltic States and the populous arm States of Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

RUSSIA WANTS PEACE

"There are good reasons for believing that the Government and people of Russia want to live in peace. A combination of Russia and all these eastern European Powers would be most weighty and substantial."

"Thus we have two great groups of nations, more or less effectively armed, none of which wish for war. The crucial question is whether we should become associated for mutual protection?"

"Once the League of Nations is added to this force, and sanctions their action, you will have a great preponderance of material and physical military force—and it may be of decisive importance—the law of the world and the measured, deliberate judgment of mankind."

LEAGUE'S BIG CHANCE

Mr. Churchill said our engagements must not at this stage go beyond the obligations of the Covenant. Our Foreign Secretary was fully justified in defining them with the utmost precision.

He believed that the great days of the League had yet to come. It was never so necessary for the world, never had it so fine a chance; never such solid backing.

Mr. Churchill referred to "this disgusting Jew-baiting which some people are trying to import here." He spoke of Sir Oswald Mosley as one of those who were "fascinated by the spectacle of brutal and ruthless power."

"At the other end of the political scale are the Trotskyite Communists—men who see the opportunity for Russia to prove it she can that Socialism will work—but the furious fanatics who labour for world revolution."

A LONG WAY ROUND

"Thirdly, we have Sir Stafford Cripps. He is in a class by himself. He wishes us to be conquered by the Nazis in order to stir us into becoming Bolsheviks. It seems a long way round."

"Lastly, we have the absolute non-registers, Canon Sheppard and Mr. Lansbury. These are pious men, but they would lead us to ruin, even more surely than the others."

"Their plan is for us all to lie prostrate on our faces and see what the dictators will do to us. At a moment when all over Europe even children are being taught compulsorily to play their part in war, these men actually boast that they are persuading more young men every week to vow that they will not fight for any cause than the Secretary for War can recruit for our modest little army."

"What a freak show! 'What a pity the Crystal Palace has been burnt down.' 'Is it not time for the free nations—the Liberal (I use the word in a non-political sense) Parliamentary democracies, great or small—to take all the necessary measures to place themselves in a state of security and a state of adequate defence, not only for their own safety, but also that they may hold aloft those beacon lights of freedom, which will carry their rays of hope and encouragement to the thinkers and the toilers in every land?'"

"Must the Liberal democracies remain helpless spectators of the conflagration and carnage? 'I wish we were strong enough to bring this slaughter to a close. If we are powerless to-day—too weak, too east down, it is our own fault. 'We have not kept our lamps burning for the call. Other calls may come. Let us prepare."

SIR WALTER'S CHOICE

Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, who presided, said: "If I have to

choose between trusting a Hitler or a Mussolini, heavily armed, aggressive in intention and scornful of all moral considerations, or a British Prime Minister, pledged up to the hilt in support of the system of collective security, common sense impels me to prefer the Government over which I, as a citizen, can exercise some control."

THIS REELING WORLD

Lady Violet Bonham-Carter declared: "I am a Liberal; one whose dream and aim has been to break down and sweep away all barriers between nations."

"To-day we see a world which has put back the clock; a world which is reeling away from law, away from freedom, back to the blind anarchy of force."

"The tragedy of Spain is in itself a defeat of civilisation."

"We have watched the triumph of the aggression of Italy, and the agony of its victim."

"In that struggle the whole civilised world was solidly ranged against the aggressor. What was the use? Public opinion proved powerless against poison gas. 'Unless we the free democracies of the world, who are still loyal members of the League, are prepared to take the same risks for justice, peace and freedom as others are prepared to take for the fruits of aggression, then our cause is lost. The gangsters will inherit the earth.'

"We cannot isolate ourselves. Even if we wish to leave the world alone, the world will not leave us alone."

"IT'S A POOR THING"

"We don't belong to our Government; our Government belongs to us. 'It's a poor thing, but our own. If it won't lead at least it can be made to follow. If it won't follow, if it ceases to represent our mind, our conscience and our will, we can sweep it away and put in another which will do so better."

"Can we imagine living in a land in which free thought and speech are in treachery to the State; in which one may not criticise a work of art, where books are read to order, written to order, burnt to order; in which to hate to order is a patriotic duty; and race may be a crime even in a helpless Jewish child?"

THE ONE WAY TO PEACE

Mr. A. M. Wall, secretary of British Actors' Equity, said: "We are against all dictators. From the standpoint of British citizens they are all bad."

"Fascism or Nazism, or any other 'ism' which seeks to force itself upon free people by violence means civil war."

There was an interruption. Sir Walter Citrine pointed out to the interrupter: "You have not heard all Mr. Wall has to say."

Mr. Wall: "I don't object to interruptions. It is the outward expression of the freedom we enjoy in this country."

A CLASH OF IDEAS

The Earl of Lytton said: "There is reason to believe that this moment—greater than many people realise—is a new war, not about dynasties, or rights, or territories—things which can be arbitrated about—but war arising from a clash of opposing political ideas held so passionately as to amount to a religion."

"That kind of conflict is almost impossible to submit to arbitration. 'We seek no interference in the internal affairs of other States as we will tolerate no interference in our own. But if, because Jews are persecuted elsewhere, any group of people think they are justified in persecuting them here, we support the Government in using any powers to prevent such an offence against personal liberty."

"Outside our own country, we stand, in Mr. Churchill's words, for strong collective defence against any aggressor."

A resolution in support of the objects of the meeting was carried with cheers.

One solitary voice—out of 10,000—was raised against it.

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Entertainment for Coronation Time

By A Film Critic

A realistic and ambitious film is to be made for the Coronation period.

Permission for pictures to be taken of the Coronation Throne, of scenes in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, of the Stone of Scone, and of the King's aeroplane have been granted by the King himself.

All services in connection with the film have been given without profit, and the proceeds are to go towards the King George V. National Memorial Fund.

The picture, which is called "Our Royal Heritage," will be shown as a feature production and as seven one-reel pictures, each under a "Heritage" title. They are "Heritage of the Soil," "of Defence," "of the Sea," "of the Air," "of Industry," "of Happiness," and "of the Home."

THE THRONE MOVED

For taking the scenes in Westminster Abbey, the Coronation Throne was moved for the first time for hundreds of years. It is believed to be the first time in this country that Royal co-operation has been granted in the production of a film.

The director of the picture is Mr. Wigley Newman. Units for taking scenes in different parts of the Empire have travelled the equivalent of four times round the world, and have exposed a million feet of film.

Co-operation has been given also by the Admiralty, the War Office, the Air Ministry, the Lord Mayor of London, the Office of Works, and many other public bodies, companies and organisations. A steel foundry in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, closed down for a day while filming was in progress, and 2,000 workers received full pay during filming.

Among the most interesting scenes will be those of the changing of the Guard, photographed from Buckingham Palace, the Palace Gardens, photographed for the first time, and those at the farm on the estate of the Duke of Cornwall.

The first three reels deal with the history of the land, the Army, Air Force, and Navy defence, and to the sea; while the fourth covers the progress from the first flight made by man to the anticipated Transatlantic air service.

"Heritage of Industry," covers progress from the early flint-knapping to the modern production of steel. The sixth reel, devoted to the sea, while the fourth covers the progress from the first flight made by man to the anticipated Transatlantic air service.

Another film, which is to be made from actual scenes in the Abbey, in the Palace, and on the procession route, is under consideration by the Coronation Committee.

THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE

RHODES LECTURER ON RECENT DISCOVERIES

Oxford, Dec. 21.

Dr. Edwin Hubble, of Mount Wilson Observatory, wound up his Rhodes lectures in the Milner Hall of Rhodes House this evening by observing that recent discoveries offered a choice between a small expanding universe and a universe of immense but unknown dimensions plus a new principle of Nature.

It was possible that the theory might be generalised to include new models. Otherwise the probabilities at the moment seemed to favour the greater universe, although a definite choice would doubtless await more powerful methods or still greater telescopes.

YEAR II OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Mussolini Starts A New Calendar To Celebrate Ethiopian Conquest

Rome, January 1.

The year just expired witnessed the foundation of a new Roman Empire.

Henceforth Italian calendars will designate 1936 as "Year I of the Empire."

The dogged will and determined courage of Premier Benito Mussolini, in face of international opposition, gave Italy its new empire. Upon King Victor Emanuel the Italian dictator conferred the title of Emperor of Ethiopia and upon himself the title of Empire Founder.

Italy's conquest of Haile Selassie's hordes, initiated on October 3, 1935 and completed on May 5, 1936, added 350,000 square miles of territory to Italy's possessions. Three times the size of Italy, this rich territory has a population of 8,000,000 and unlimited natural resources.

Number 1 event of the year, therefore, was the conquest of Ethiopia. Number 2 event was Italy's alliance with Germany. The latter development was brought about by England's refusal to accept opposition to Mussolini's colonial war in violation of the League Covenant.

This year, which has proved so lucky for Italy, did not begin so propitiously for Mussolini and his Black Shirt Legions. At the close of 1935 his armies in Africa were hindered by miles from Addis Ababa, the League of Nations was threatening an oil embargo and the gold reserve of the Bank of Italy (because of sanctions) were fast dwindling.

Mussolini threatened military retaliation which would have meant war in Europe if the League carried out its project for an oil embargo against Italy.

Millions of Italians came to the rescue of the Treasury by contributing their gold wedding rings and trinkets to provide gold for war purchases. The amount received has never been published, but it is believed it aided the government over a dangerous financial crisis and united the country against its enemies as it never has been united since the advent of Fascism.

A fierce campaign had reached War Communism Number 85 when the present year dawned. There was talk of offensives on both the northern and southern fronts, and rumours of the possibility of war in Europe.

On January 12th General Rodolfo Graziani initiated his offensive on the northern front and on January 22nd captured Naghila. A few days later, on January 25th, Marshal Pietro Badoglio started his offensive on the southern front and after four days fighting routed the Ethiopians in the Battle of the Tembien, killing 50,000.

HAILE SELASSIE DEFEATED

The first part of February was spent in large scale preparations for new advances on both fronts, while the League of Nations was hesitating over the application of an oil embargo.

The United States adopted an independent policy of neutrality and the League abandoned its plans for new sanctions. The Italians were grateful to Washington, and redoubled efforts to finish the war as soon as possible.

In the middle of February General Badoglio met and after five days fighting defeated Ras Mulugheta and his horde of 80,000 warriors, killing about 6,000. He followed up this victory on February 29th with a Second Battle of the Tembien, routing Ras Kassa and Seyoum in which the Ethiopians lost more than 5,000 men.

The morale of the Ethiopians was shaken and the Italians prepared during March for new advances on all fronts. On March 31st Badoglio initiated an offensive at Lake Aschlaghi against the Ethiopians led by Haile Selassie.

The Emperor was badly defeated and fled toward Dessie, leaving 7,000 men on the battlefield.

On April 1st another Italian column occupied Gondar and by April 4th all the Ethiopian forces on the northern front were in full retreat. On April 15th the Italians occupied Dessie, former headquarters of the Emperor's northern army, and by April 25th the Italians were in complete control of the Lake Tana region.

At the end of April Graziani took Sassabeh and crushed Ras Masibu, while Badoglio was pushing southward from Dessie toward Addis Ababa.

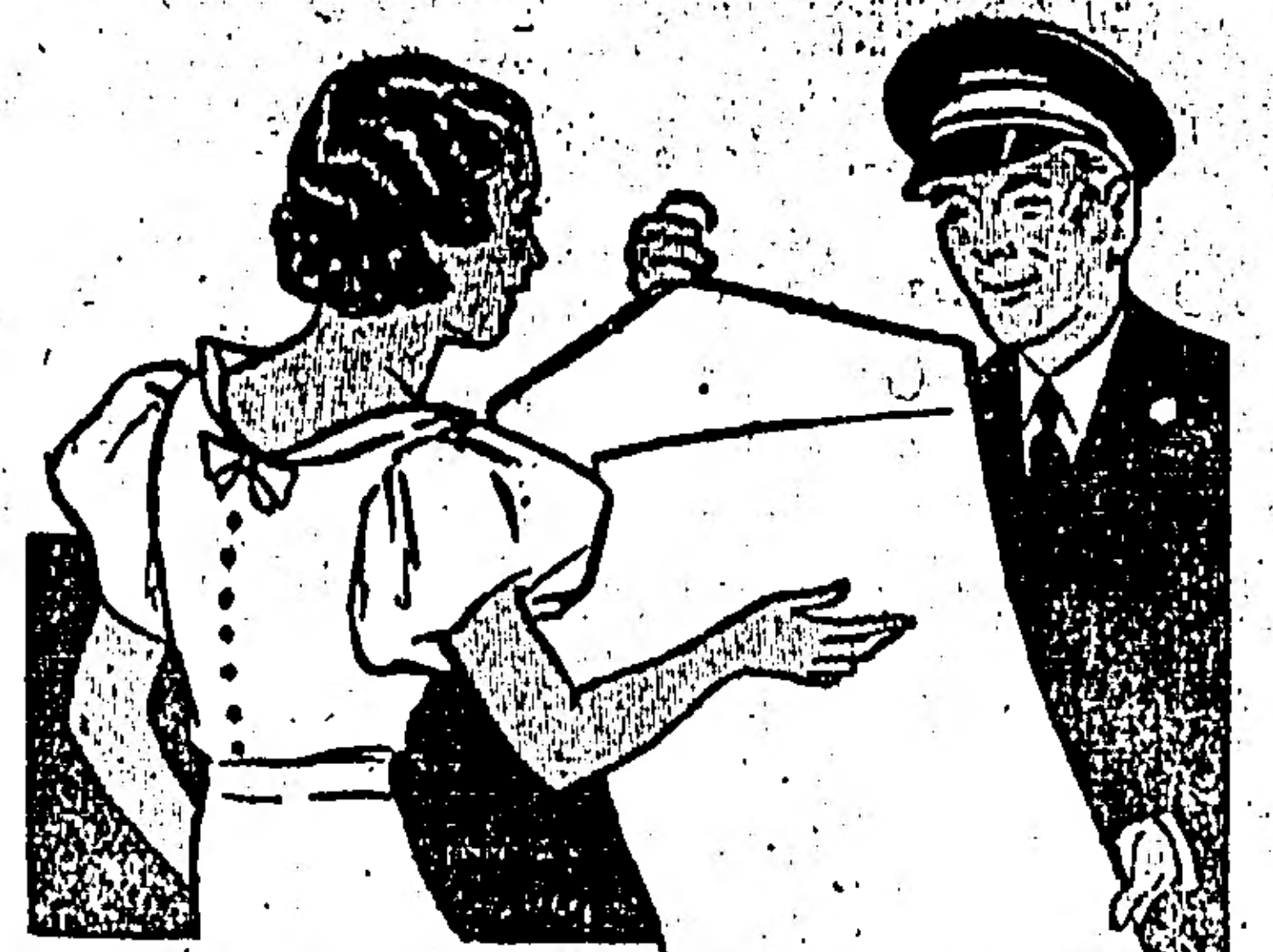
After wallowing through mud and bumping over roads unfit even for camels, Badoglio, in the afternoon of May 6th, entered Addis Ababa to find the Emperor already had fled the country.

With the occupation of Addis Ababa, Mussolini called the nation into the public squares and announced: "Ethiopia is Italian." The rejoicing continued throughout the night.

On May 9th the victory was consolidated with an announcement of the annexation of Ethiopia and the proclamation of King Victor Emanuel as Emperor of Ethiopia.

The war had lasted hardly even months and had cost Italy the lives of about 3,000 men. Even the most optimistic experts had predicted it would take Italy at least two years to conquer Ethiopia.

The annexation of Ethiopia severely humiliated England, which throughout the conflict had opposed Italy's campaign. At one time during the war England concentrated more than 600-



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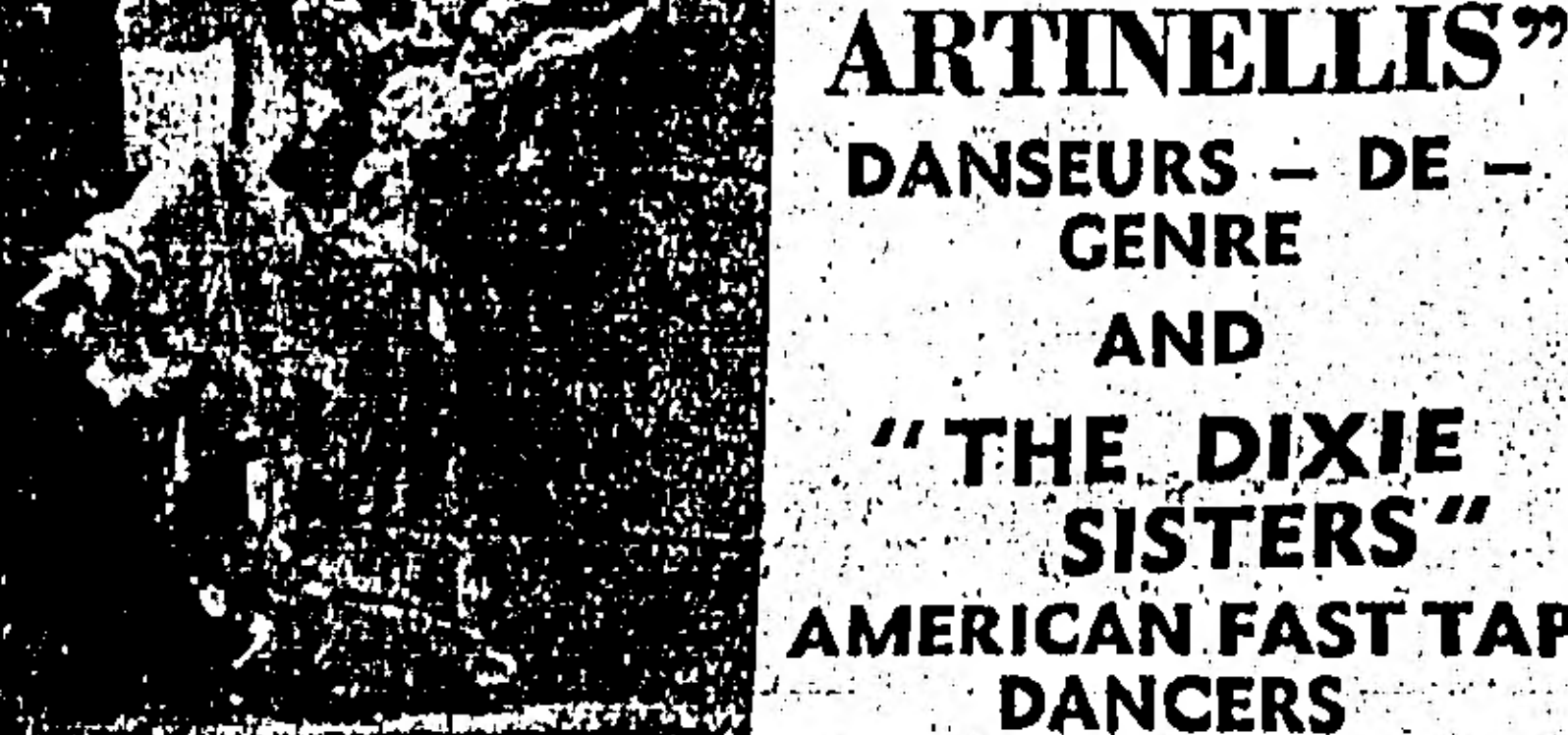
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ATHLETIC SET HOT PACE

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disappointed, and none of the inside men impressed.

THE GAME IN BRIEF

The game was not very old when Athletic were rewarded with a goal for their persistent and lively attacks. There was a smart move in the centre resulting in Tang Kwong-sum securing possession when well placed. He shot hard and McConnel, rushing up to intercept, had the mortification of seeing the ball twist off his foot into the net. In less than ten minutes Slater were on level terms, Doherty working in nicely and centring hard and low from left; Tam Kwan-kan got his hands to the ball but could not hold it and Moore rushed up to put the finishing touches. So the first half ended, though both goals should have fallen more than once. Moore and Killen missed for the Rifles and Lai Wai-dai, made an awful mess of a pass across the goalmouth when three yards out.

The Rifles quickly became dominant in the second half, and pummeled away at a stout defence. Often the soldiers' full backs were over the halfway line so insistent were the offensive, yet seldom did the Rifles look capable of scoring. Great opportunities went begging, Killen fozzling several by attempting to shoot when he should have centred.

Eventually the Rifles got right through and as Moore (I think it was) was about to recover the ball on the goal line he was tripped from behind. A penalty was the only thing to give yet Stevens who ran up to take it, could only shoot straight at the goal-keeper who scrambled the ball away for a corner. But it was merely a respite. Killen put in a perfect kick from the flag, and Miller, rushing up from half back banged the ball past a crowd of players.

Thereafter the "Slaters" were top dogs and the Athletic forward line could not get going. Their efforts were nullified on the halfway line, and only the determined resistance of the Chinese defence, plus poor finishing by the Rifles quintette, prevented three goals being piled up against the Athletic.

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MACAO AGAIN

TRIUMPH

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the opposition. Tara Singh, centre

half, was constantly in the thick of

clashes and with the wing halves

played stoutly. Menaced time and

again by the opposing attack, the

halves were unable to position with

sufficient accuracy. At back,

Fushan and Hara Singh played

ad a destructive game. The visitors

did not concede anything, but played

with all possible grit to the end.

Playing for the visitors were Naha

Fazal; Fushan and Darzo Singh;

Bachan, Yara and Hazara Singh;

Khuda Bux, Kishan Singh, Tara

Singh, Huda Bux, Chai Singh.

Macao's team consisted of Almada;

Rosario, Lammert; J. Nolasco; Alex

Airosa, L. Costa; F. Nolasco, Alberto

Airosa, Pedrinho Angelo, H. Rosario,

Amilear Angelo.

BASKET BALL

Bringing their newly formed

basket ball team and soccer eleven, a

sports delegation numbering about

thirty of the Canton Municipal Police

paid a visit to Macao this week-end.

They met the Macao South China

Athletic Association at basket ball

yesterday and were victorious by a

score of 43-20, and triumphed again

by 53-33 against a team selected from

various clubs. Contesting a foot-

ball match with Macao, the Canton

Police defeated the Athletic, Macao's

League champions, by a score of

three clear goals and drew with the

Macao Police Club, three all.

RADIO BROADCAST

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7.45 p.m. Haydn Heard and his Band,

from the West End Cinema.

8.25 p.m. "The Four Winds."

8.55 p.m. The News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. The Third Cricket Test Match:

Australia v. England.

9.30 p.m. Merches.

Transmission 3

(G.S.B., G.S.P., G.S.L.)

10 p.m. Big Ben. "Empire Magazine."

No. 35

10.32 p.m. A Ballad Concert.

11 p.m. "Yesterday and To-morrow."

11.45 p.m. Variety.

12.30 p.m. Cinema Organ Recital.

11.45 p.m. The Third Cricket Test Match:

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12 a.m. A Song Festival.

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12.50 a.m. "Pace Music."

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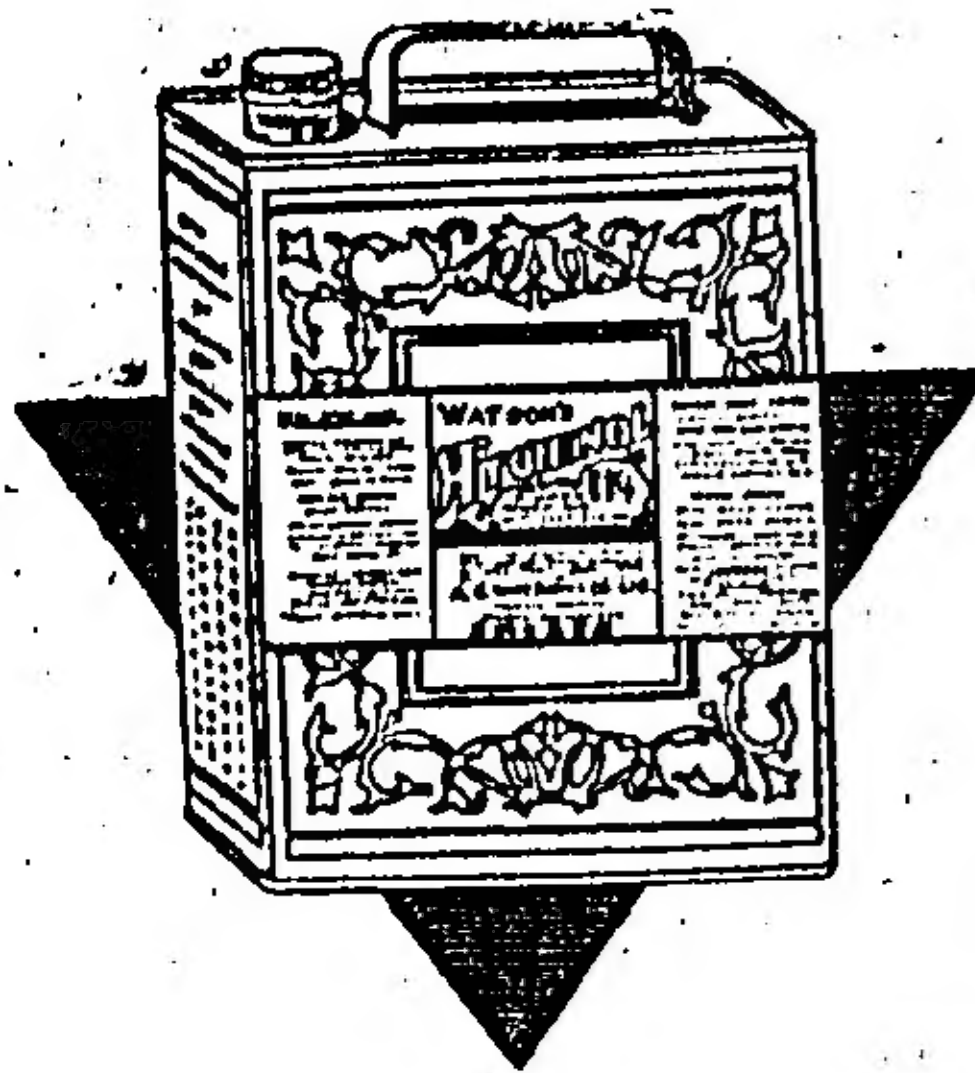
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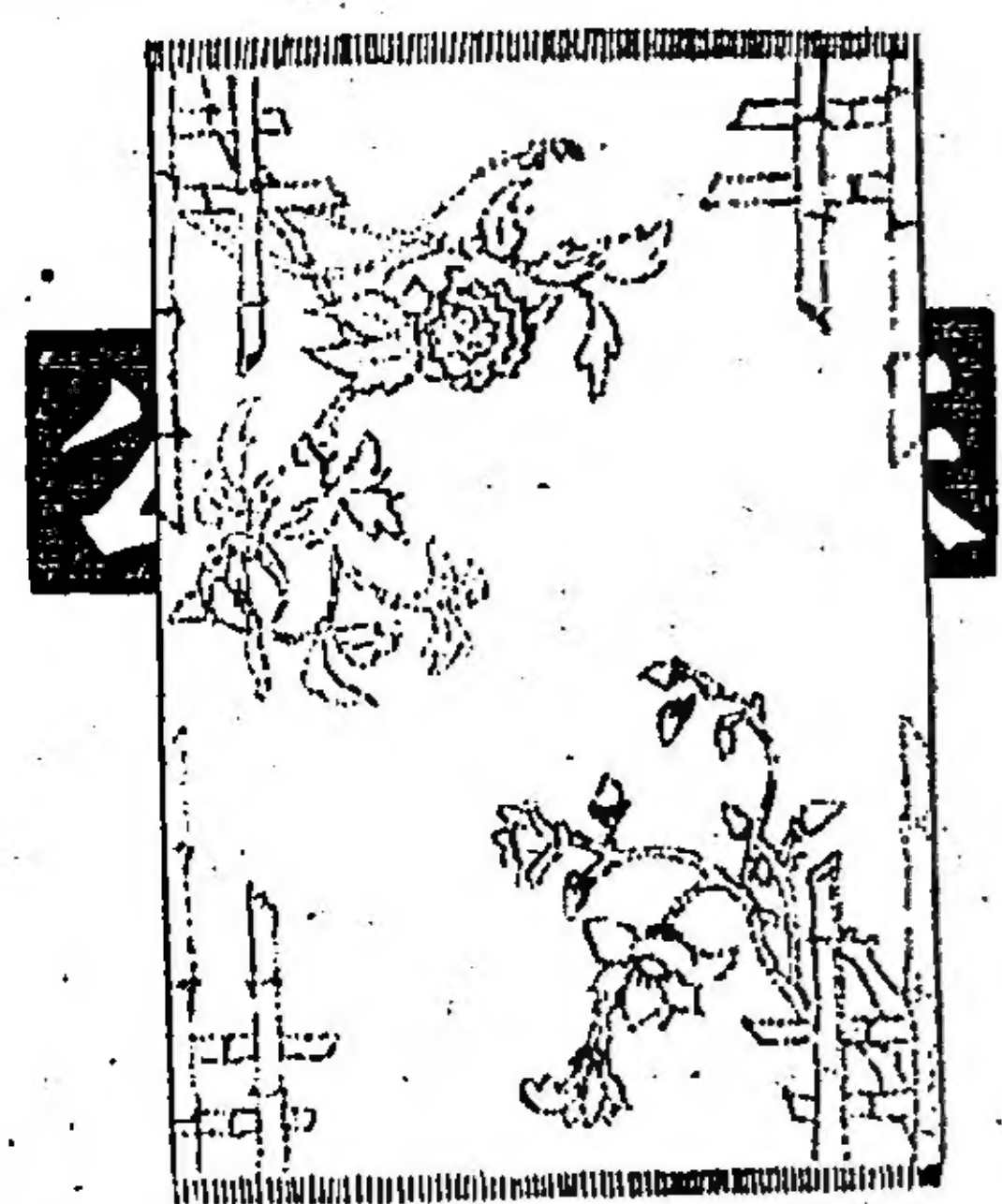
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EASTERN EUROPE
DANGERS

The civil war in Spain, with all its possible repercussions, has so concentrated attention on Western Europe that the situation in Eastern Europe has latterly escaped widespread notice. In particular, the full implications of the understandings concluded with Russia by France on the one hand and Czechoslovakia on the other have not been generally recognised. The latter pact, which is said to be directed against Germany and Hungary alike, has been described by a British commentator as the plague-carrier of European politics. Of itself, the Franco-Russian understanding could not have worked, since the frontiers of Germany and Russia would have remained widely divided by intervening countries. All this has been changed by the agreement reached between the Soviet and Czechoslovakia, which, it is pointed out, will enable Russian air-power to be carried into Germany's vitals. What is Britain's attitude to these developments? According to Mr. J. L. Garvin, one of the most balanced writers of the day, our duty is to keep out of the whole of this business, and, as far as in us lies, not to allow it to become the cause of war in Western Europe. "Nothing on earth," says Mr. Garvin, "will induce the British people to mobilise against Germany in that cause. Our plain and sane policy in this world about us is one of maximum of armaments and minimum of commitments. We should shun every entanglement in Eastern Europe." The opinion is further expressed that if we refuse to mix the two problems, there will be lasting peace in Western Europe, but not otherwise. There can be little doubt that British feeling in general is distinctly in favour of improving our relations with Germany, rather than to do anything which would create fresh friction between the two nations. Our political ideologies may be totally at variance one with another, but that is no reason why we should not be able to work together for the preservation of peace. To use the words of Mr. Garvin, "another Anglo-German war from any cause would be a dark catastrophe; an unnecessary Anglo-German war, made by Britain for the sake of the Soviet Pact and Eastern Europe, would be a blunder and a crime past example." These words represent sober British opinion, and there is no reason for thinking that they do not also reflect the policy of the British Government.

Has your wife got too much time on her hands?

BECAUSE his loneliness is unbearable, 25-year-old Sidney Allcorn writes to the King to release his wife. Sentenced to death in July for the murder of her child, she was reprieved 23 hours later.

"All my life I had been lonely till we married," he says. "From the age of four to thirteen I was in an orphanage. Since then I have had only one real pal—Helen."

This is a rare and extreme case. For every man victim of the disease of loneliness there are 50 women.

Not only aged spinsters and girls "living on their own" suffer from it. They are by no means the largest class of sufferers.

The largest class are the wives, and this illness is beyond the range of doctors, but not, perhaps, of the sociologists, the men who are concerned with changes.

Loneliness provides a fine theme for sentimental writers for women; it is time to approach it scientifically.

To begin with, it is impossible to say under our divorce laws how many divorces are the result of boredom, which the American cause for divorce "incompatibility of temperament," so adequately covers.

The sociologists believe, and every man who lives in a small flat knows, that the work of running a small flat by no means absorbs the energies of the average healthy woman.

No social expert has yet investigated what this means in terms of mental stress. We know, of course, that the change from the seven-roomed house to the three-roomed flat is, in part,

responsible for the declining birthrate.

SO, coupled with the fact that the woman in the flat has not enough work to occupy her time is the other fact leading to mental dissatisfaction—the childless marriage.

Thus, in a vast number of cases, women are faced with a period of leisure for which nothing in our social system has prepared them.

They do not know how to use it, nor can they be blamed for not knowing. How often does the retired man know what to do with himself?

The majority of wives between 20 and 30 come from homes where they were one of perhaps three or four or more children. They saw their mothers occupied in rearing a family with little time for morbid introspection, which is the result of loneliness. As they grew older, they helped in the business of running the family, or went out to work eight or nine hours a day.

AFTER marriage they find they have twelve hours a day to do necessary work needing, at most, three or four hours in a small flat.

Soon the novelty of marriage wears off, and the unaccustomed leisure becomes a drag. They really don't know what to do with themselves.

Those with whom money does not count find escape in lunching out, going to the cinema, joining one of the big libraries and reading themselves into a state of stupefaction. To the second and third-rate fictioneers they are a blessing.

BUT most of the victims of loneliness—and they provide divorce lawyers with a great proportion of their business—come from the middle classes.

The women of this class have, as a rule, enough money to keep them in moderate comfort. What little work is necessary at home can be done by one servant. Significantly this class also leads the field in the declining birthrate statistics.

They have few cares and no duties. They are easy targets for the germ of loneliness, because they are alone more hours than any class of society. Their husbands work longer hours than any other type of worker.

The suburban "at homes" and "bridge afternoons" did something to alleviate their loneliness. They were pathetic attempts at companionship, but the narrowness of their circle frequently failed them. How often do the newspapers report inexplicable suicides in this class?

WHAT makes this increasingly perilous is that this is the very class which is moving in large numbers into the big blocks of flats, not only in London, but in provincial cities.

In this type of flat there is no social life at all. Their occupants feel honour-bound not to know their neighbours.

Where privacy might be difficult, their guarding of it makes companionship and new friendships impossible.

It is well known that solitude, that is loneliness, breaks the spirit of the most rebellious prisoner. Can the psychologists estimate the effects of this peculiarly English disease on not only highly strung but also on normal healthy women?

IT is a disease peculiar to England. You do not find it in Scotland or in Wales or in France or in Germany.

The reticence and reserve which makes an English railway carriage like a school for the dumb does not exist in other countries.

In Wales and Scotland there is no sense of intrusion when one speaks to a stranger. Welsh people regard it as one of the oddities of London that a man does not know his neighbour. They talk of it as English people might talk of the strange custom of some tribe lost in the wilds of Africa.

The Welsh avoid loneliness, though not consciously, by going to chapel not only on Sundays, but several times a week, joining dramatic societies, social guilds, and singing parties.

Continental women in the afternoon meet their friends in cafes, and talk for hours over a peach soaked in a glass of champagne.

THE plain fact is that the English quality of reserve has ceased to be merely a quality that foreigners observed. It has become, under changing social conditions, a menace, that undermines Englishwomen's lives.

Maybe the problem will be solved not by the professors, but by the builders of the homes of the future.

Already some builders of modern flats incorporate in them swimming pools, squash and tennis courts. They do so not for any sociological reason, but to make them more attractive.

When, instead of dozens of such blocks, there are thousands, the disease of loneliness may disappear by people, especially women, getting to know each other by playing together.

Until that happens you will still read, as I did not long ago, of a husband who said at the inquest on his wife, "I was away all day, and the loneliness got on her nerves."

The English are funny that way; they would rather die than risk a snub. So they won't talk.

Emrys Jones

A VITAL MOVEMENT

THIS morning I received a letter from one of the leading figures of the Oxford Group movement. It was brimful of vitality and confidence, describing interviews the Groupers had arranged with political leaders in America and Holland.

This vitality is, in fact, one of the most striking features of everything associated with the movement. It is one of the explanations of its extraordinary success in the last few years.

Founded in 1921 by Dr. Frank Buchman, a former Lutheran pastor in the United States, the Group is an association of Christians who bind themselves to live their lives according to the standards laid down in the New Testament. There are no rules or membership cards—people are either "in" or "out." Groupers are said to be "changed lives," and the leaders believe that if sufficient key people in a country can be "changed," the whole course of history can be altered, and the present international discords wiped out by mutual understanding.

The severest critics of the Group do not deny the truth of the "changed lives."

When I was at Oxford and attached to "Quiet Times," which are held at all private gatherings of members. A "Quiet Time" is the name given to a short period of silence, during which those taking part in a meeting sit with pencil and paper before them, ready to jot down any "guidance" for future actions which comes to them.

After the leader has said a short prayer, these thoughts are "shared"—each individual reading out what has been written. There is an extraordinary friendliness about these meetings, and the shyest individuals are soon made to feel at home.

The Group leaders are strangely assorted. Dr. Buchman himself looks like a successful business man, with his quiet, neat clothes, inclusive voice, and alert eyes which are continually searching the faces of those around him. When I met him he was dressing for a Royal garden party, arranging the details of the next

Oxford Groupers' "Changed Lives"

day's programme, and smoothing out problems brought to him by his assistants, all of one and the same time. He is never ruffled, and has a strong objection to anything in the nature of hysteria at private or public meetings.

There is nothing of the typical evangelist about him, and his mind is essentially practical and realistic. Among his chief lieutenants are ex-officers, Oxford and Cambridge graduates, an ex-Fleet Street editor, a former Communist, and a young novelist.

East End, and a young novelist.

All Classes

Group converts have told me how much better they felt after standing

up at one of the meetings and confessing their failures in the past, and their new resolve to maintain the Group standards.

Many people are introduced to the movement at what are called "house parties." These parties consist of a series of meetings held in one town, attended by members and their friends, who are introduced to "quiet times." The house parties have so far been very successful, and a noteworthy feature is their excellent organisation. Usually several big hotels are booked in towns where house parties are held, but in University towns it has become the practice to hire some of the colleges.

At the last house party I attended there was an extraordinary assortment of classes and professions. Anglican bishops rubbed shoulders with Trade Union leaders, Communist orators, politicians, jour-

PLAYING THE GAME

PROFICIENCY in sport appears to be the open sesame to success in business, especially in banking, insurance, and large commercial houses.

Time after time the junior who is a good golfer or Rugby player is selected for advancement before those of his colleagues who, equally clever at their work, prefer a hobby that does not bring them before the crowd.

Not only does the "sporty" worker benefit in advancement. Innumerable halfdays and odd hours of his time, while those left in the office or shop have to overtake his work.

It is fair that the man who pursues his own private hobby soon becomes disgruntled. In doing his job to the best of his ability and for the good of the firm he receives no encouragement; plainly he is shown that he is not popular because he goes his own way outside business hours, and so his work, too, is bound to suffer.

By all means let us play the game in the proper sense of the expression. Do not let it interfere with business. The popularity of sport increases daily, but he is a wise business man who is strong enough to keep it in its place, and that is, both in practice and effect, outside business hours.

corps; the keeping up of the clan spirit in his business or office, in order that his workers will consider their firm the best, and foster its interests because they are of one brotherhood in "playing the game." In practice is this so? I venture to suggest it is not. Those who are specially favoured soon come to look upon their privileges as rights, and further, being favoured and applauded for their prowess in sport, soon forget that they receive their weekly wages for doing a certain job of work. Their work is often scamped, but a blind eye is turned to this falling because of their abilities on the field.

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alists, industrialists, officers of the three fighting Services, and unemployed men from the special areas. There was no attempt to grade or sectionalise different interests, and in practice there were no difficulties, this strange medley of people living together in perfect harmony.

In recent years the groups have spread all over the world, and there are strong sections in Canada, Switzerland, the United States, and Germany. The recent drive through the Scandinavian countries was voted a success, and certainly aroused enormous interest. The Group numbers in its ranks to-day leaders of public life in a dozen important countries. There is hardly an important town in Europe where there is not at least one group of people meeting daily for a "quiet time" together. I have met groupers in most unexpected places. On my last visit to Berlin I called on a Groupier who is a member of Hitler's personal bodyguard!

Can the Oxford Group really "change lives"? The answer is to be found in seeing its members, many of whom were jaded and unhappy people a few years ago, and are to-day brimful of energy, with that self-confidence that comes from a full and enjoyable life.

Friendly Atmosphere

There are many prominent figures both inside and outside the Church who have severely condemned the Oxford Group for its lack of "dignity" and its use of the most modern advertising devices, but on meeting these people one misses the friendliness that emanates from the "life-changers."

Psychologists have explained the success of the Group with words: discretion on repressions and inferiority complexes, but neither they nor any of the other critics offer a practical cure for individual misery and unsatisfied longing, which is just what the Groupers do.

The sins described by converts of the Group are much less than outsiders often imagine. Petty acts of dishonesty, indeed, soon to be rectified. I know paid the Income Tax, and a large sum of money withheld over a period of years.

For the vast majority are not secret law-breakers. Their private lives are concerned with great personal and Group claims to answers.

V. D.

ALEC PEARCE GOES ON TO BOWL AND QUICKLY WRECKS HAVOC

It was difficult to realize when walking down on Saturday morning that Friday had been such an appalling day. Of course not a ball in the Club v. Navy Triangular Tournament match could be bowled, but some of us who took our lives out for a jog about 6 p.m. in the evening realized that the rain had stopped and that it was colder. There was hope for Saturday, but I certainly did not dream that such a beautiful day, sunny but cold, would come along.

Worse was to come however his next over Boucher, who had kept the Law Courts on edge, yielded Stewart with one beautiful one which might have been smothered forward perhaps, but turned very quickly. He had been dropped at first slip off a hard chance only two balls before.

The procession continued. That looked like a weak flicked Melman's last stump—it was perhaps on the short side. At this time the batsmen had completely given up the idea of scoring runs and three maidens had yielded two wickets. The best hit (to be legal) was four byes, and the first occasional full.

Forster was gulped to mid-off with the solemnity of a church-warden showing the squire into his pew.

Fifty went up as the result of an hour and fifteen minutes play. It was curious and beautiful but Boucher was bowling beautifully but had only one wicket while Forster was not very accurate but had got four. The run-

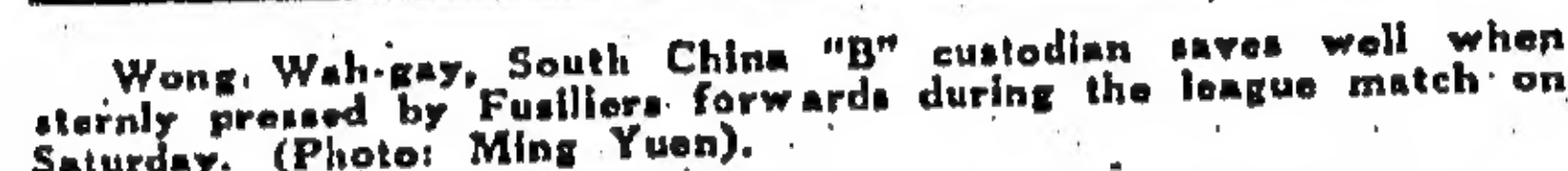
four-ays. Hayward but it was dangerous shot which went between first and second slip. Then Boucher spoiled Boucher's analysis by getting a single to square leg.

A single to the next over which was easily good calling could take quick run. Another to Hayward followed. Boucher then bowled tenth maiden. One had run expected Prowse to be put on. Harper continued to be put on. success as he had tried to cut. was taken at the wicket. eight runs he scored in no way represented the value of his innings as he had kept his wicket and his innings a desperate situation. But he admitted he runs badly between wickets.

A smart single to each batsman followed, and in Boucher's sixth over Hayward drove him quite to long off but Forster ran in

Balances and warehouse silver. Club. In the Navy Innings the had eased up the pitch and a long time to wear off. He was criticised in the service keeping Holden on too long they were flitting at his off bat. The wickets was hardly read. Pearce. McEllan told me that his last over the pitch was not long him a bit.

I think Hayward chose the logical moment to make his but the Club's rather slovenly had allowed the Navy to m



(Re "Veritas")

too many runs. After Pearce and Woodhouse gone on, Auldman was a pleasant surprise to the landscape, alongside the crowd. With eight wickets to get under thirty runs the game was in the Navy's hands and after a while or two fell they should have. (The knock up afterwards showed how well they could back it. Instead of that they played back, pitched up, spinners, and paid penalty. The last six men failed upon their accounts, and so the crowd won. How are the mighty fallen.

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE

By
Torpedoman
Albert E. Pratt

One of the crew of H.M.S.
Natal at the time of
the disaster

IT is said that the two beetling headlands, scarcely a mile apart, which form the bottle-neck opening to Cromarty Firth in Scotland, are called "The Sutors," because on the crest of each there used to live a cobbler with only one last between the two of them.

This, says legend, they shared by throwing it backward and forwards as required—"sutor" being the Latin and an old Scottish word for cobbler. But, whatever you may think of this local lore, there can be no doubt that nowhere on the coast of Great Britain is there a better protected or more sequestered natural harbour.

This is the reason Cromarty Firth was one of the most important naval bases during the war. Some of the swiftest and most vital naval dramas had their beginning in that twenty-mile stretch of water with the straggling burghs of Invergordon on the one side and Cromarty on the other.

A Pulse of the War

The Admiralty was constantly in touch with this northern stronghold, for sometimes the entire High Sea Fleet would be moored there in readiness for action. Special trains often left London secretly in the middle of the night and raced non-stop over those 700 miles that lay between London and Invergordon carrying with them munitions, food supplies, and not infrequently some of the big naval chiefs in a special saloon coach attached to the rear.

Cromarty Firth was one of the pulses of the war.

An urgent message flashed from one of the Sea Lords in London would in a few minutes send a squadron of our greatest ships steaming between "The Sutors."

Towards the end of 1915 there was considerable movement in the Firth. "The Sutors" had been fortified. A mine-laying station had been established at local distillery. A line of oil tanks for the refuelling of the great men-o-war of the Fleet stretched for a quarter of a mile along the northern shore.

The water was dotted with every description of craft. There were battleships and cruisers, destroyers and submarines, torpedo-boats and aircraft carriers, mine-layers and minesweepers, and auxiliary craft of various kinds—eighty to a hundred in all.

TO-DAY IN THE PAST

The Story Of The Blowing-Up of H.M.S. Natal

To-day a naval man tells of the blowing up in the Cromarty Firth on New Year's Eve, 1915, of the armoured cruiser Natal. Four hundred persons on board were killed.

Among the medley of craft anchored off Cromarty was the 13,500 tons armoured cruiser Natal, one of the last ships of the pre-Dreadnought age.

She had been built a good many years before at a cost of £1,218,244, including her six 9.2 and four 7.5 guns, and normally she carried a complement of 704 officers and men.

On the morning of December 30 there was a good deal of activity aboard the ship, for it was known that the commissioned ranks were giving a New Year party that same afternoon to which their brother officers from other boats had been invited, as well as friends and relations living on shore and nurses from the hospital ships.

The cook had been ordered to prepare a special feast, with all the customary dishes and delicacies of celebration, and the officers' quarters were gaily decorated with flags, bunting and coloured balloons. The ship's band was to play and there was to be dancing. A cinema show also was included in the programme, and games for the children, of whom a number were to be present.

Lord Jellicoe—then Sir John Jellicoe—and Lady Jellicoe, who were at Invergordon, had been sent an invitation, and were expected aboard the Natal during the festivities.

I remember that day very well—dull and dry, with a cold wind sweeping across the Firth from the north, and causing the smaller of the craft rhythmically to rock in the grey, ruffled waters.

Proud "Ironclad"

Shortly after noon a large number of the men left the ship, myself among them, for, apart from the

fact that the party, excepting a number of helpers from the non-commissioned ranks, was only for officers and their friends, we non-commissioned ones had our own particular pastime—a football match at Cromarty between the petty officers and men of the Natal.

After the match I happened to take a look at the Natal, which lay below the playing field alongside her sister ships—the Suiannon, the Cochrane, and the Achilles.

A proud "ironclad" she looked, indeed, with the Union Jack fluttering from her masthead. I wondered how the party was going and if the children were enjoying themselves.

And it was at this moment that there occurred a sight that froze the blood in my veins; that lives with me to this day in nightmares—a sight that set me shouting to my football friends and impelled one and all to rush pell-mell down to the water-side.

A tower of sickly yellow flame had suddenly shot up from the aft of the ship.

It leaped above the masthead. It seemed even to dwarf the mountains in the background.

It struck terror to the hearts of all who saw it—and they say its flash was noticed ten miles away at Fortrose, despite the daylight. It was unmistakably the flash of burning cordite.

Almost simultaneously there sounded a deep, rumbling explosion, that, by reason of its remoteness, seemed to come from the depth of the sea.

It was followed by two sharper explosions. The vessel immediately swung and swayed in alarming fashion. Then she suddenly began to heel

to port. Over, over she slowly went. Those of her crew and others who had by then reached the deck slid into the water like beans from a shovel.

Some who managed to cling on to the ship's fixtures made frantic efforts to scramble up the rapidly steepening deck.

Further, further she went, till her rail touched the water with her bilge keel pointing heavenwards.

For a moment she lay there, while a straggling line of survivors floundered on her slimy hull.

Yet another explosion from her depths—so muffled that it seemed more like the dull throb of a pulse—and with a great shudder the Natal had disappeared.

It all happened in less than five minutes. So short had been the enactment of this great disaster that one felt it to have been unreal—the grotesque hallucinations of some haunting nightmare.

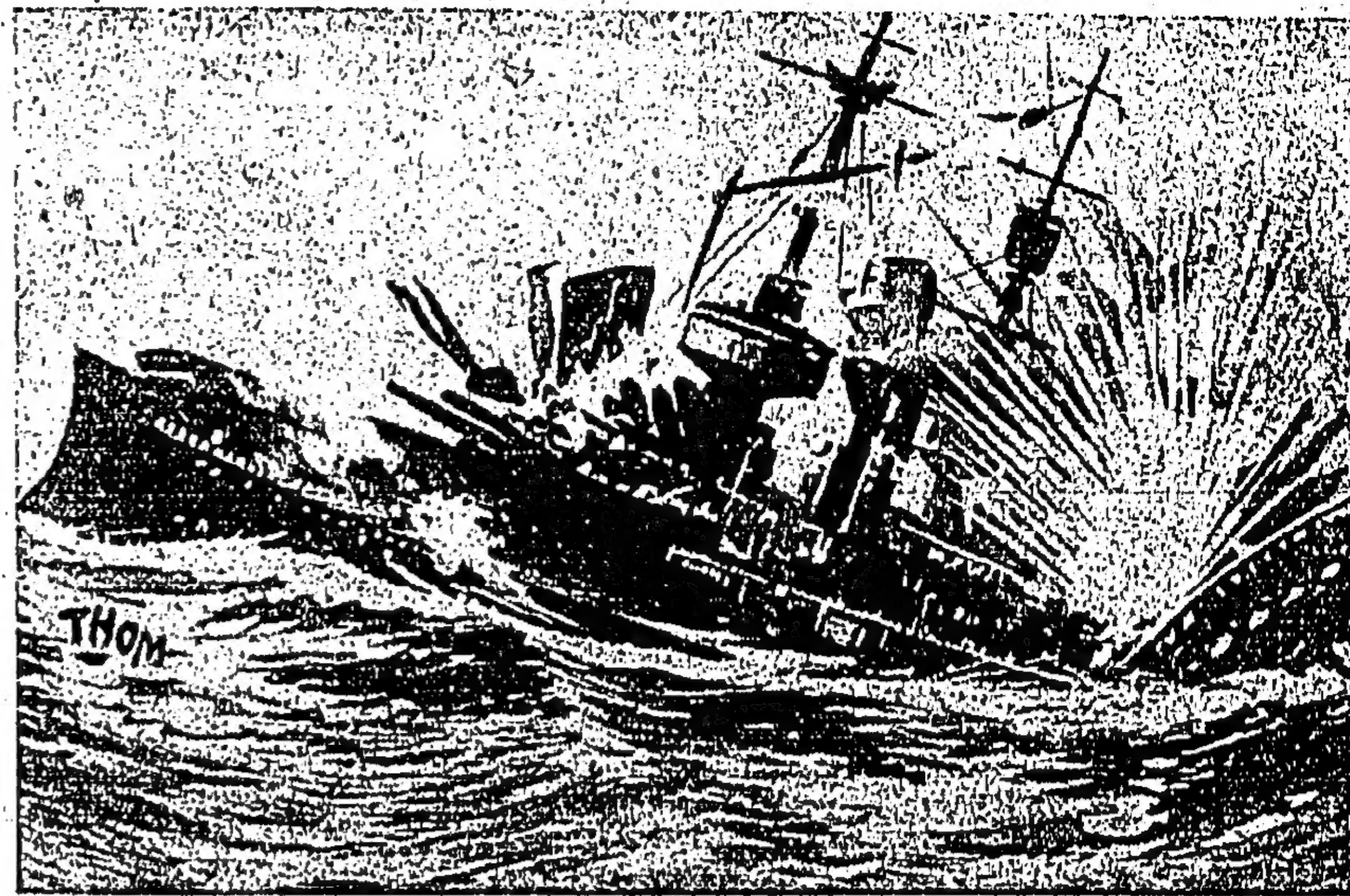
Nothing but a seething mass of white foam to mark the spot, dotted with patches of struggling human beings who had survived.

Saved by Teeth

An immediate rush to the rescue was made by every available craft. There was a string of tenders, launches, and tugs, followed by a flotilla of rowing boats and dinghies whose oarsmen pulled feverishly.

The scenes in the water as boats drew alongside were indescribably terrible. Many of the survivors were striving to keep up despite their dreadful injuries caused no doubt by the explosion. Many sank before help came.

There was one man whose hands had been blown off. A rope was thrown to him by a rescue party in a



launch. He gripped the rope with his teeth and was thus drawn to safety.

Not one of the civilians who had gone aboard the cruiser, however, was to be seen. None in fact, has ever been found from that day to this.

No doubt they were imprisoned in the ship where the party was being held.

Perhaps they were already dead before the ship sank, for although considering the magnitude of the disaster, the detonations were comparatively small, it was apparent when salvage work on the boat began some years later that the force of the concussion must have been terrific.

The entire stern of the ship was found to be missing. Divers discovered pieces of her propellers on the bed of the Firth many yards away from the wreckage.

This surprising disparity between noise and damage is probably because the explosion was well down in the ship below the waterline.

Submarine Theory

Many theories were advanced to account for the disaster. At first it was thought that an enemy submarine had succeeded in breaching the defences of "The Sutors" and passed between them into the Firth, but this view was subsequently dismissed, because it was unlikely that any under-water craft could have safely negotiated the network of mines laid at the entrance to the Firth.

Another conjecture was that an enemy agent had introduced an infernal machine into one of the after magazines.

Yet the magazines and shell rooms which it was assumed had exploded and caused the ship to sink were found intact by the salvors.

Even their cordite charges and projectiles were discovered still in their places.

The theory which gained greatest ground was that an infernal machine set to explode at a given hour was introduced into the ship's coal bunkers. The fact that the Natal had returned from a Liverpool docking only a few days before the disaster, and it was notorious that the dock gates were unguarded and that even eighteen months after the outbreak of war it was a comparatively easy matter for any one to board vessels in the guise of workmen, coupled with the coincidence that the other two battleships destroyed by internal explosions during the war—the Vanguard and the Bulwark—were coaling ships, lent a certain credence to the theory.

Moreover, it was well known that during the war Germany produced skilfully camouflaged bombs to resemble blocks of coal, oil drums and parts of ship's gear in readiness for the opportunity to "plant" them in British battleships.

Yet another hazard as to the cause of the disaster discussed at the time was that the cinematograph film that was to have been shown accidentally caught alight and ignited the explosives aboard.

But this has since been discounted by the discovery by divers of the film, quite intact, strips of which practically every one in the surrounding towns and villages now possesses as a souvenir.

Wonderful Escapes

Perhaps the most feasible explanation is that in some way one of the magazines became ignited and exploded, immediately flooding the others. This would account for the salvors finding them intact.

This theory is most possibly correct, since the Natal at the time

was in harbour trim with all her water-tight doors open.

No one will ever be able to relate what actually happened in those few terrible minutes.

Of those who were in the very heart of the ship none survived, for even if they were alive after the explosion their escape was cut off through the concussion slamming and jamming the doors of the interior gangways.

Salvors had to hack them open when working on the ship.

Of those who were picked out to the water alive shortly after the disaster every one was, too dazed to give a coherent story. In all 428 officers, men, nurses and civilians were lost. A number of survivors later succumbed from their injuries.

Many stories of miraculous escapes were told. One man ashore missed the launch which would have put him aboard the Natal five minutes before the disaster.

An Invergordon doctor and his wife were among those invited. They were about to leave their house for the Natal when a telephone message called the doctor to an accident in the town. He tried to persuade his wife "not to miss the fun," and preceded him to the party. He would follow later. She, however, insisted on waiting his return for her the Natal had disappeared.

The news that Sir John and Lady Jellicoe were aboard the cruiser spread through the town, but as it happened they were, fortunately, unable at the last minute to attend the celebrations.

Black Isle, as they call Cromarty and the surrounding locality, is constantly reminded of the tragic fate of that proud ship and those who were aboard in the grim monument that every day emerges from the water when the tide ebb.

Then the long line of the Natal's "bilge" keel can be plainly seen protruding several feet above the water like the humped back of a whale, surmounted each end by a beacon to safeguard shipping in the channel.

There she lies, masts downwards, at a slight angle which brings up her "bilge" keel squarely from the water's surface.

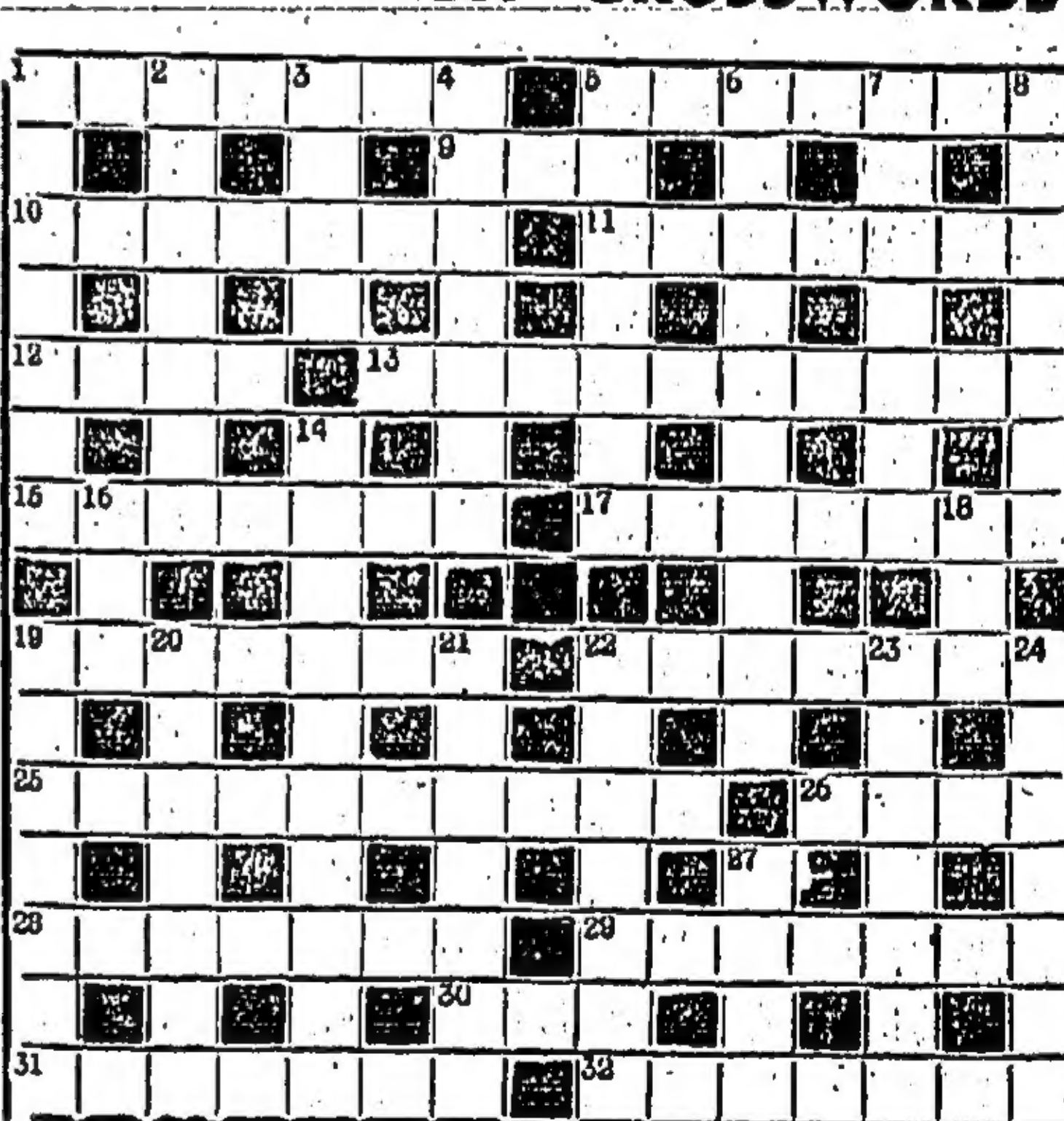
Occasionally the ferryman who plies between Cromarty and Invergordon will leave his usual line of route and draw up alongside the ship to enable a relative, a passenger in his boat, reverently to place a wreath of flowers on her wave-washed wreckage.

Razor Blades Now

Sometimes a diver, groping his way about her watery barnacle-hung corridors in connection with the salvage work, will come across an ominous heap of bleached bones. A naval funeral with full honours is at once given to the remains.

Meanwhile work on salvaging the metal has been going slowly ahead for some years, and by an ironical trick of fate the heavy plates of high tensile steel that were intended to protect her from the attacks of her adversaries are now being cut and ground into blades for safety razors.

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ACROSS

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- 5 The golfer who buys this is concerned with the sphere of economy.
- 9 Things in this are probably wanted.
- 10 Those flatten the sands.
- 11 Put the grille around in the wrong way and the result is hard.
- 12 An architectural feature that changed the fashion.
- 13 Where America takes stock (two words).
- 15 Double.
- 17 "Star tie" (anag.).
- 19 An old master.
- 22 May, perhaps.
- 25 A statement that might clear up a 24 down.
- 26 This in bed is indeed fortunate.
- 28 A nautical cord.
- 29 Reports of this are rife in war.
- 30 An expressive part of 22 down.
- 31 "He heals" (anag.).
- 32 This vehicle has a distinct rotary movement in it.

DOWN

- 1 Semi-precious stone.
- 2 Cool mob makes a hot town.
- 3 Worry.
- 4 This may be all over the fruit.
- 5 A collection to make Bill Sikes' mouth water.
- 6 A growing concern.
- 7 Here cool customer that has this quality.

- 8 It has wings, but cannot fly; it has flies that cannot take wing.
- 14 Neutralise with suggestion of sale.
- 16 A personal query.
- 18 Part of 15 across.
- 19 Companions of combs.
- 20 A sorry performance, so to speak.
- 21 Think of what is left, and it will be right with full honours.
- 22 This is conveyed here, but not even in the middle.
- 23 An amateur of arresting power.
- 24 A puzzling thing this.
- 27 Italian river.

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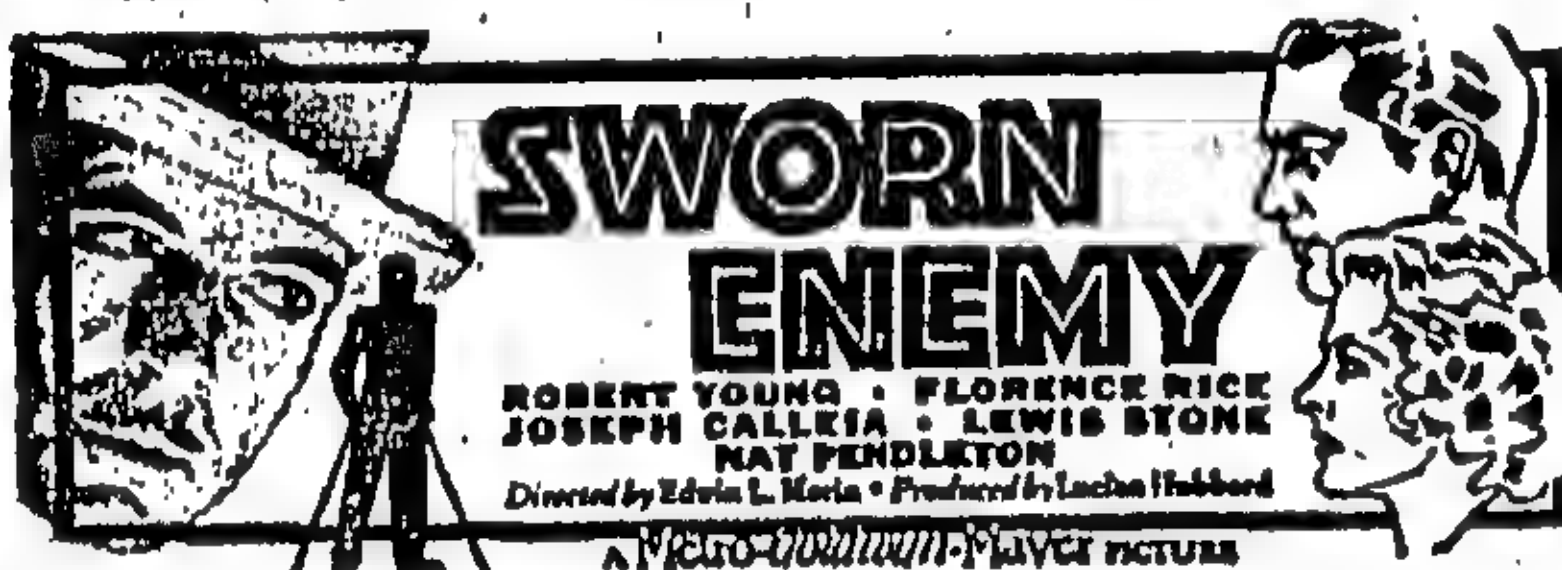
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Millionaire Lover Pursues Dancer

GLAMOROUS LOLITA CORDOBA, with huge black eyes, has gone to London from Mexico to escape from an American millionaire who is madly in love with her but whom she does not love.

She has run away from him, but love knows no boundary and he is on his way to Britain.

Lolita, feeling rather nervous at being pursued, and suffering from a not too pleasant crossing, was in bed when a newspaper representative saw her at the Savoy Hotel.

"A sigh came from her, 'I do not love him. I cannot marry him.' Her eyes lit up and her voice became soft.

"I am in love with an Englishman, and he is in love with me. I do not want to divulge his name, but he belongs to an aristocratic family. Some day we will marry.

"He is not a millionaire, but he has a heart of gold, and always does the right thing.

"He sent me those lovely roses. The American would have sent me something out of the ordinary, something queer which would not have given me anything like the pleasure the roses did."

Wants To Settle Down

Lolita, who is well known on the American stage, screen and radio, expects to make a film over here. She has won fame as a Spanish dancer, but she says she is tired of the stage.

"I want to give it up, to settle down with my Englishman, to have children, and lead a quiet life.

"First, though, I want to make a 'hit' in London. I feel I owe that to myself. Then I will gladly marry my Englishman and give up the stage for ever."

Another Kind Of Time

HOW LIFE MOVES

Mankind is already blessed with mean solar time, sidereal time, Summer Time, and space time—and Professor Milne, of Oxford, has lately told us that atoms and stars keep a different kind of time—the normal pendulum clock.

Now a French scientist, M. Lecomte de Nouy, has determined to add to the fun by announcing that there is yet another kind of time—"biological time"—the time which our bodies keep.

M. de Nouy has assisted Dr. Alexis Carrel at the Rockefeller Institute in his remarkable experiments on "tissue culture"—the growth and maintenance of healthy tissues outside the body—and is now working at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. His views on time are put forward in "Biological Time," published by Methuen, London, at 7s. 6d.

His theory is based on his main experimental achievement, the reduction of the healing of wounds to mathematical formula—depending on the size of the wound, the age of the patient, and (with cold-blooded animals) on the surrounding temperature.

A "correction," as might be expected, has to be introduced to account for the rapid healing of long, narrow wounds in proportion to their size. Otherwise, it appears, the equations "work." The bigger the wound, the more rapidly, in proportion, it heals. And age acts as a progressive brake on the rate of healing.

A TEST

In one remarkable case, M. de Nouy was even able to diagnose the age of a patient and the shape of his wound, merely by applying his calculations to figures supplied him by post by the attending doctor.

Beyond that, M. de Nouy points out that life moves more slowly for a child than it does for a man, and for a young man than for an old one. Quantitatively, he suggests, that what matters is not the duration of time as measured by a clock, but the proportion of that interval to the total of experience already lived through. Thus, for a child of ten, a year's interval is one-tenth of his previous length of life, and equivalent to a two years' interval for a man of twenty, or four years for a man of forty.

A time-scale based on this theory conveniently coincides, as near as may be, with a similar time-scale based on the healing of wounds. That is M. de Nouy's "Biological Time." It may, or may not, attain to permanence as a philosophical conception. It is certainly illustrative of the increasing emphasis which is now being placed on biological research and processes.

And as an intellectual pastime the reading of his book is to be recommended.

Horse Brings News Of Suicide

Note Tied To Empty Saddle

New York, Dec. 15.
Grieved by the death of a woman friend, Reserve Lieutenant William L. Carson, aged 23, killed himself under unusual circumstances.

He rode to a lonely spot on the artillery range at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he had been stationed for a course of training. Drawing a rough map, he put it in a despatch bag tied to the empty saddle of his horse. Then after starting the horse back to the stable he killed himself.

A note with the map asked a fellow officer to see that his body was cremated and the ashes scattered over the grave of his woman friend who died ten days ago.

KRUPPS TO BUILD NILE BRIDGE

Cairo, December 18.

KRUPPS, German arms and steel manufacturers, have been awarded a contract to build the Semennud Bridge across the River Nile.

Their tender, £161,293, was the lowest of ten submitted. Dorman Long, with £171,796, made the lowest British tender.—*Reuter.*

Semennud is a town on the Damietta arm of the Nile delta, 80 miles north of Cairo.

Surgeons Win LIVE SHELL IN FURNACE

New Operation Saves Man's Life

An operation which, it is claimed, has never before been attempted, has saved the life of a man who was dying in Newcastle Hospital of angina pectoris.

The operation consisted of cutting through the wall of the man's chest, putting a vascular tissue through his diaphragm and attaching it to the heart in such a manner as to augment the blood supply.

The patient, who is 50, is slowly recovering.

RADIO "LUNACY"

"It is the action of a lunatic to go to sleep to the tune of the radio," said Brigadier-General A. F. E. Ferguson, chairman of the Northamptonshire Public Assistance Committee, at its meeting recently. It had been stated that a new nurses' home was not equipped for radio in the bedrooms.

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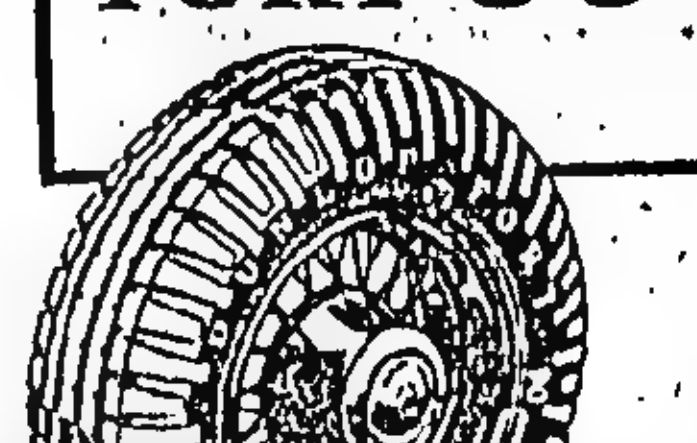
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SPAIN DEFTIES GERMAN THREAT

DANGER OF CLASH IS INCREASING

“German Action Equivalent To Declaration of War”

SEIZURE OF SPANISH VESSELS CAUSES GRAVE COMPLICATIONS

Valencia, Jan. 4.

In face of “the extraordinary gravity” of the situation caused by German warships seizing Spanish vessels, the Spanish Government has decided “to take the necessary diplomatic steps,” says an official communique.

After referring to the radio message received from the German Admiral commanding in Spanish waters, in which the naval officer states that the seized ship, Aragon, will be released when the passenger and cargo of the Palos are given up by the Spanish authorities, the communique asserts:

“The Government has decided not to submit to the German Admiral’s pressure and will not even reply to his message, which is couched in terms improper for a communication with a sovereign state.”

“In face of these facts the Spanish Government’s view that the danger of a clash is increasing appears fully confirmed. If the causes of these disputes are not speedily removed the Government fears the consequences may be irreparable,” the communique concludes.—*Reuter*.

SITUATION INCREASINGLY SERIOUS

Paris, Jan. 4.

The Spanish Ambassador, Senior Luis Araquistain, declared to-day:

“I have just talked with the Foreign Minister, Senior Del Vayo, in Valencia, and he explained the cruiser Koenigsberg’s virtual ultimatum which the Cabinet is at present considering. The reply will likely be in the negative, since the Basques acted in accordance with international law.

“I intend following the Basque Government’s reply with a visit to the Quai d’Orsay to inform them there of the seriousness of the situation.

“The German action is equivalent to a declaration of war, creating a serious situation for European peace. The Government of Spain will use every means to defend itself diplomatically, as well as with its armed forces.”

ITALIAN TROOPS LANDED

BROUGHT TO SPAIN BY WARSHIPS
BRITISH QUIT MADRID

Gibraltar, Jan. 3.

According to unconfirmed reports received here, over 5,000 Italian troops have been landed at Cadiz during the past three days from Italian warships.

These fighting men immediately entrained for Seville, but halted at Jerez en route, where they received an enthusiastic welcome from the local authorities. They were lavishly entertained before they proceeded.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH DEPART

Madrid, Jan. 3.

Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, the British Charge d’Affaires in Madrid, together with the British military attaché and the Embassy staff, left to-day for Valencia. The British Embassy in Spain will henceforth function from that city.—*Reuter*.

CHARGE D’AFFAIRES LEAVES

London, Jan. 3.

Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, British Charge d’Affaires, travelled to-day from Madrid.—*Reuter*.

ANGLO-ITALIAN ACCORD

TEXT OF WELCOME PACT ANNOUNCED
MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENT

London, Jan. 3.

The British and Italian Governments’ representatives have signed the Mediterranean accord. The British Ambassador, Sir Eric Drummond, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, penned their signatures to the document yesterday. It consists of joint assurances respecting policy in the Mediterranean sphere.

The text of the declaration reads as follows: “His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government, animated by the desire to contribute increasingly to the interests of better general peace and security, and the betterment of relations between all Mediterranean powers, are resolved to respect the rights and interests of those powers, to recognise that freedom of entry into and exit from and transit through the Mediterranean are vital interests both to the different parts of the British Empire and Italy, and that these interests are in no wise inconsistent with each other.

“The British and Italian Governments declare any desire to modify or, as far as they are concerned, to modify the present status quo regarding national sovereignty of territory in the Mediterranean area.

“Both parties undertake to respect each other’s rights and interests in the said area and agree to use their best endeavours to discourage any activities liable to impair their good relations, which it is the object of the present declaration to consolidate.

“This declaration is designed to further the ends of peace and is not directed against any other power.”

“The text of notes exchanged in Rome on December 31 between the British Ambassador and the Italian Foreign Minister, has also been

SPEEDS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO MADRID



Such guns as these thundered a Christmas message of hate along the Spanish fronts. On New Year’s Eve, at precisely midnight, twelve insurgent shells crashed into the centre of Madrid city. At the same time Government guns bombarded rebel lines. The bombardment has continued intermittently since.

AUSTRALIA’S LEAD MOUNTS

Three Wickets Lost For Total of 62

BUT DEFENDERS LEADING BY 187 RUNS IN TEST

Australia is slowly putting herself into a winning position in the third Test against England at Melbourne. This morning, although a very quick wicket was secured by Voce, at lunch Australia were 63 for 3, thus being 187 runs ahead.

The wicket was said to be vastly improved though quite capable of playing tricks later in the day. When the match restarted, Australia in her second innings was 127 runs on with nine wickets in hand. Then Fleetwood Smith left without scoring, the second wicket falling at six.

TWO MORE WICKETS FALL

Melbourne, Jan. 4.

Shortly after the lunch adjournment, two more Australian wickets had fallen, with the score 97 for 5.—*Reuter*.

TEA TIME SCORE

Melbourne, Jan. 4.

The tea score in the Test match is 149 for 5.—*Reuter*.

There were 40,000 people present when the match was resumed with an overnight score in Australia’s second innings, of 3 for 1. The weather was cloudy and bleak. The wicket had vastly improved, but is probably still capable of eccentricities.

Early on, Australia lost another wicket when Fleetwood Smith made a protective score in Voce’s third delivery, a high-kicker, to be caught by Verity. He had not scored overnight and was now out for a “duck” (3 for 2). At this stage, Ward was 3 not out and Riggs 1 not out, the score being 6 runs for 2 wickets.

The Englishmen were on their toes, but the score steadily increased, the batsmen striving desperately to survive the critical pre-lunch period. With the score standing at 30 for 2, Ward was 11 not out and Riggs 16 not out.

COURAGEOUS INNINGS

The 50 was signalled after 88 minutes’ play. The weather was now overcast.

Ward had scored 16 when he was caught by Hardstaff at deep mid-off, attempting a big hit. He had played a courageous innings, being 68 minutes at the wicket. The score was now 88 for 3.

At the lunch interval, Australia were 62 for 3, Riggs being 27 not out and Brown 18 not out.—*Reuter*.

Pope Pius Reconciled To Death

Vatican City, Jan. 4.

“We have seen the New Year; but we shall never see Easter.” These, according to authoritative sources, are the words of His Holiness the Pope, suffering from atrocious neuritis pains in both legs.

Physicians, following injections which they hoped might relieve the pain, appeared downcast and worried. It is reported that the Pope’s breathing is difficult.—*United Press*.

GENERAL STRIKE MENACE

GENERAL MOTORS FACE CRISIS
200,000 MAY QUIT WORK

Flint, Mich., Jan. 3.

A general strike of 200,000 employees of the General Motors Corporation, which would halt about half the production of automobiles in the United States, is threatened in a resolution adopted by the conference of trade union delegates from all the General Motors factories, now meeting here.—*Reuter*.

EMPOWERED TO STRIKE

Flint, Jan. 3.

The 300 delegates of the General Motors plants of ten cities have empowered the Workers’ Strategy Board, under the leadership of Mr. Homer Martin, to call a general G.M.C. strike.

In addition they approved eight demands, ranging from higher wages to shorter hours, and appointed a negotiating committee to represent the workers.

Mr. Martin has now left for Detroit where he is prepared to present his demands to the G.M.C. chiefs.—*United Press*.

CANADIAN PORTS’ GAIN

Seattle, Jan. 3.

Waterfront employers estimate that Canadian ports are moving three times the normal amount of tonnage, due to the strike in America.

They say Vancouver is employing 2,000 longshoremen day and night, compared to the normal pay roll of 800.

It is feared the United States has lost much tonnage permanently through the strike.—*United Press*.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE H. POTTS

PASSES AWAY AT SWATOW

H.K. EXCHANGES CLOSED TO-DAY

Widespread regret will be felt at the death of Mr. George Hutton Potts, “Father” of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, which took place at Swatow at 9.50 a.m. to-day, at the age of 72 years. As a tribute to the memory of deceased, the Hongkong Stock Exchange, of which he was Chairman, is being closed for business this afternoon, as also is the Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.

The late Mr. Potts recently went to Swatow for a brief holiday, and whilst there contracted pleurisy. During the past few days, an improvement in his condition had been reported, and news of his passing will therefore come as a shock to his numerous friends. The interment is to take place in Hongkong, the body being brought here from Swatow by the s.s. “Hudson,” which is due on Wednesday morning.

When Mr. Potts’ condition became serious, one of his sons, Jack, went up from Hongkong to be with his father, whilst his wife and another son, Reginald, who had reached Shanghai on returning from Canada, were cabled for and immediately proceeded to Swatow. All three were present when Mr. Potts succumbed. The utmost sympathy will be felt for them in their heavy bereavement, as well as with Mr. Potts’ son, George, who is in London, and Mr. Peter Potts, a brother of deceased.

The late Mr. Potts had been connected with Hongkong for over half a century, arriving here 51 years ago. A Yorkshireman, having been born at Beedle, he was educated at Harrow. When he first came to Hongkong, in 1885, he joined the firm of Russell and Co., with which he remained until its failure in 1900. He then went to Shanghai and opened the banking firm of Benjamin, Kelly and Potts. In 1900, Mr. Kelly severed his connection with this firm and established himself in Hongkong six years later. Mr. Potts, on coming back to Hongkong from Shanghai, settled down with his brother, Mr. P. C. Potts, under the firm name of Benjamin and Potts, of which he was principal at the time of his death.

The deceased took part in the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, being engaged in transport work, entering Peking with the British force under a General Caselle. He was given a captain’s commission in the Regular Army, but resigned it later. He was, however, long associated with the Hongkong Volunteers, in which he held the rank of captain. He was a noted sportsman in his earlier days, being a keen rugby player and a fine oarsman, whilst for many years he was an owner of racing ponies, having won many major events both in Hongkong and Shanghai with the “King’s” stables. He was steward of the Hongkong Jockey Club and Chairman of the Macao Race Club.

Hongkong has had few more popular residents than the late Mr. Potts, whose death will be regretted throughout the Far East.

Hero’s Burial For Shanghai Policeman

KILLED IN BATTLE WITH GUNMEN

Shanghai, Jan. 4.

A hero’s funeral was given Sergeant Michael Slater, 23-year-old Canadian, killed in the Shanghai Foreign Force killed in a gun-fight with gangsters on December 31. It was one of the most impressive and most largely attended in many months.

More than 1,000 members of the municipal police force, the French police and the British military units marched in the procession, the route being lined by immense, silent crowds.

Prominent among the official mourners was the British Consul-General Sir John Brennan and Lady Brennan.

Six Canadian comrades of the gallant officer acted as pall-bearers. The Chinese police detachment carried a large, white banner inscribed with the words, “Peace unto death,” in English and Chinese.—*Reuter*.

MAKE THEM for HIM

By
Susan
Gay

SINCE this weekly feature started I've suggested and described all sorts of patterns that will make a woman look smart and attractive; quite a few that are serviceable and pretty for the children; and, once, a layette for the new baby.

It seems to me, therefore, that it's time I gave a thought to the men—especially as winter is here, and we're racking our brains for bright ideas for warmies for male friends.

So I have looked out three patterns, any one of which, made up, would be an excellent gift. And they are all quite easy to make.

TAKE the dressing-gown for example, shown on the third of Angrave's Invisible Men. A good comfortable style. Easy to slip into with its raglan-shaped shoulders that adapt themselves so accommodatingly to a man's figure, even if he's the very square-shouldered type.

Make it in some warm but light-weight material, a checked cashmere, for instance, one of the new wide-striped woollens or a very soft tweed. Or you can find some interesting brocades in the soft furnishing department that would be admirable for this pattern.

If your husband or boy friend does a lot of travelling then make it in a Paisley-patterned foulard or a dark spotted shantung, so that it will pack up small and travel well.

A NEAT design was used for the pyjama suit shown in the centre of the illustration. This is a particularly good style for winter wear, for the front can be buttoned right up to the throat on cold nights.

The sleeves are set plainly into fairly loose armholes that allow plenty of freedom of movement, lessening the strain at the back of

the arms where jackets seem so often to split.

If you want it to be an extra nice present, make this pattern up in washing silk. It gives a lovely feeling of luxury and yet it wears and launders marvellously.

THE shirt shown here is a good tailored style. The most important thing about a shirt is the neck fitting. Make sure you measure the right size and then you will find the finished product will be a great success.

You can make this pattern in the

ordinary English style, with the almost waist-length opening. Or you can make it in the American coat shape, that is, opening all the way down. And you have a choice of two types of collar, one with points and the other with rounded ends, as shown in the small sketch.

I suggest you make two of each, for collars have a much harder life than the rest of the shirt.

You will probably also have enough material left to make a second pair of cuffs, ready to stitch on when the original ones begin to



BREAKFAST IN BED

FOR ALL that early-rising Spartans may say to the contrary, breakfast in bed can be a benediction, a rejuvenation, a refuge from unpleasant realities and a mild health cure. Often there is no argument when doctor's orders are to take breakfast in bed at least once a fortnight.

Hard-working women who can once a week recline for an hour over morning coffee and rolls or rasher and toast ought to raise this indulgence to the level of a serious ritual.

Begin with a lacy wool or frilly satin negligee, a hot-water bottle and then one of those six-way cushions to prop a lazy back. As their name implies the cushions—which are made in fifty different colours—are shaped like a rounded wedge to fit into the small of the back and to support the shoulders.

Alternatively, get a white quilted satin cushion or a modern ice satin one which has the frosted surface and bluish colour of ice, but is very carressing for a languid head.

Breakfast trays can be, and should be, blithely informal, gay and fresh. Its preparation must allow for a serve-yourself meal in homes where breakfast in bed is not conducted by a maid or butler. (Better without either, a doctor would advise.)

Flowers, if any, can be arranged in a squat Venetian glass vase, or a pottery pot made so low as to be secure against tipping.

The tray should belong to the breakfast set and be in colours to woo the "breakfast" mood. The flimsy woman can match them to the colours of her bed-linen, elderdown, or walls.

After a sleepless night, cereal and cream would look most inviting on a tray painted in a dusty gold cream with gold points. The beige china designed for it is of cream with broad bands of apple green and fine gold scrolls. The shape of the teapot, the clever hot-water plate for poached eggs, the dainty cereal dish are in spirit. All are mounted with chromium-plated frames and handles. On a sycamore tray, breakfast pottery in dark blue or green would

help to improve appetite and out-vegetables. Some sets look like polka dot muslin in white and dark blue, and the Rockingham pattern, with its multi-coloured peacock and fresh green, design would make an imposing service with silver for an important guest.

Tray cloths are no longer needed with these attractive trays, but finger-napkins and tea and egg cosies are made to match. Here, again, it is those with green applique or embroidery which help us to meet the morning with happiness.

Breakfast in bed for those people who would like to get up but are not look merry with their graduated hoops of green.



Useful Chutneys

Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

THESE chutneys are particularly useful because they can be quite easily made and the ingredients are easy to get.

Chutneys often make all the difference to cold meats in winter time, whether they are home-made or some of the excellent proprietary kinds.

Banana Chutney

PEEL and slice with a stainless steel knife a dozen bananas. Chop finely a pound of cooking apples, half a pound of onions, and six ounces of seedless raisins. Put these with the bananas into an enamelled saucepan with half a pint of white wine vinegar, a half a pound of granulated sugar, a dessertspoonful of curry powder, salt, cayenne pepper and half a teaspoonful each of ground ginger and powdered cinnamon.

Simmer slowly for two to three hours, being careful to stir to prevent burning. Cool and put into pots like jam.

Green Tomato Chutney

CHOP up finely five pounds of green tomatoes, sprinkle them over with salt, cover them and let them stand all night.

In the morning drain off the liquid, and put the tomato into a stewpan with two pounds of apples and a pound of onions cut up, a pound of brown sugar, a quart of vinegar, half a pound of treacle, and some cloves, allspice and pepper-corns tied up in muslin bag.

Boil all together until the tomatoes are tender (about an hour), take out the bag of spices, pot and cover when cold.

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MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL sounded a war alarm recently when he addressed in the Albert Hall a great non-party meeting for the defence of freedom and peace. Ten thousand people of all shades of political and social thought heard the warning—heard this solemn declaration by the speaker:

"To stop the coming war, we must in the next six months gather together the greatest number of nations—all as well armed as possible—and united under the Covenant of the League."

Mr. Churchill said there were two great groups of nations, which he described as "insurance groups," which profoundly desired peace.

In the west were Great Britain, France and Belgium, with which ought to be effectively associated "the very anxious" States of Holland and Switzerland. In the east were Poland, the Baltic States and the populous armed States of Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

RUSSIA WANTS PEACE

"There are good reasons for believing that the Government and people of Russia want to live in peace. A combination of Russia and all these eastern European Powers would be most weighty and substantial. Thus we have two great groups of nations, more or less effectively armed, none of which wish for war. The crucial question is whether we should become associated for mutual protection?"

"Once the League of Nations is added to this force, and sanctions their action, you will have a great preponderance of material and physical military force—and it may be of decisive importance in the world and the measured, deliberate judgment of mankind."

LEAGUE'S BIG CHANCE

Mr. Churchill said our engagements must not at this stage go beyond the obligations of the Covenant. Our Foreign Secretary was fully justified in defining them with the utmost precision.

He believed that the great days of the League had yet to come. It was never so necessary for the world, never had it so fine a chance; never such solid backing.

Mr. Churchill referred to "this disgusting Jew-baiting which some people are trying to import here." He spoke of Sir Oswald Mosley as one of those who were "fascinated by the spectacle of brutal and ruthless power."

"At the other end of the political scale are the Trotskyite Communists—men who seek not the opportunity for Russia to prove it can do that Socialism will work—but the fanatical who labour for world revolution."

A LONG WAY ROUND

"Thirdly, we have Sir Stafford Cripps. He is in a class by himself. He wishes us to be conquered by the Nazis in order to stir us into becoming Bolsheviks. It seems a long way round."

"Lastly, we have the absolute non-resisters, Canon Sheppard and Mr. Lansbury."

"These are plous men, but they would lead us to ruin, even more surely than the others, for all to lie prostrate on our faces and see what the dictators will do to us."

"At a moment when all over Europe even children are being taught compulsorily to play their part in war, these men actually boast that they are persuading more young men every week to vow that they will not fight for any cause than the Secretary for War can recruit for our modest little army."

"What a freak show! What a pity the Crystal Palace has been burnt down!"

"It is not time for the free nations—the Liberal (I use the word in a non-political sense) Parliamentary democracies, great or small—to take all the necessary measures to place themselves in a state of security and defence, not only for their own safety, but also that they may hold aloft those beacon lights of freedom, which will carry their rays of hope and encouragement to the thinkers and the followers in every land?"

"Must the Liberal democracies remain helpless spectators of the conflagration and enrage?"

"I wish we were strong enough to bring this slaughter to a close."

"If we are powerless to-day—too weak, too cust down, it is our own fault."

"We have not kept our lamps burning for the call. Other calls may come. Let us prepare."

SIR WALTER'S CHOICE

Sir Walter Crichton, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, who presided, said: "If I have to

London-In Five Million Words

FIVE million words will be written about London before the gigantic survey undertaken by the London County Council, begun in 1912, is completed. Only a third of the 50 ponderous volumes contemplated have so far been published.

One volume per year has been the average output, and the cost of compiling a volume has latterly been about £800. Antiquaries, archaeologists and historians are giving the London Survey Committee their voluntary services in speeding up the work.

"BRITAIN'S HERITAGE" AS A FILM

Entertainment for Coronation Time

By A Film Critic

A realistic and ambitious film is to be made for the Coronation period.

Permission for pictures to be taken of the Coronation Throne, of scenes in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, of the Stone of Scone, and of the King's aeroplane have been granted by the King himself.

All services in connection with the film have been given without profit, and the proceeds are to go towards the King George V. National Memorial Fund.

The picture, which is called "Our Royal Heritage," will be shown as a feature production and as seven one-reel pictures, each under a "Heritage" title. They are "Heritage of the Soil," "of Defence," "of the Sea," "of the Air," "of Industry," "of Happiness," and "of the Home."

For taking the scenes in Westminster Abbey, the Coronation Throne was moved for the first time for hundreds of years. It is believed to be the first time in this country that the Royal co-operation has been granted in the production of a film.

The director of the picture is Mr. Wigley Newman. Units for taking scenes in different parts of the Empire have travelled the equivalent of four times round the world, and have exposed a million feet of film.

Co-operation has been given also by the Admiralty, the War Office, the Air Ministry, the Lord Mayor of London, the Office of Works, and many other private companies and organisations. A steel foundry in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, closed down for a day while filming was in progress, and 2,000 workers received full pay during filming.

Among the most interesting scenes will be those of the changing of the Guard, photographed from Buckingham Palace, the Palace Gardens, photographed for the first time, and those at the farm on the estate of the Duke of Cornwall.

The first three reels deal with the history of the land, the Army, Air Force, and Navy defence, and to the sea; while the fourth covers the air progress from the first flight made by man to the anticipated Transatlantic air service.

"Heritage of Industry" covers progress from the early flint-knapping to the modern production of steel. The sixth reel, devoted to "Happiness," deals with sport of all kinds, and the last traces the history of the English home from the mud-hut to the modern flat.

Another film, which is to be made from actual scenes in the Abbey, in the Palace, and on the procession route, is under consideration by the Coronation Committee.

THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE

RHODES LECTURER ON RECENT DISCOVERIES

Oxford, Dec. 21. Dr. Edwin Hubble, of Mount Wilson Observatory, wound up his Rhodes lectures in the Milner Hall of Rhodes House this evening by observing that the recent discoveries offered a choice between a small expanding universe and a universe of immense but unknown dimensions plus a new principle of Nature.

It was possible that the theory might be generalised to include new models. Otherwise the probabilities at the moment seemed to favour the greater universe, although a definite choice would doubtless await more powerful methods or still greater telescopes.

YEAR II OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Mussolini Starts A New Calendar To Celebrate Ethiopian Conquest

Rome, January 1.

The year just expired witnessed the foundation of a new Roman Empire. Henceforth Italian calendars will designate 1936 as "Year I of the Empire."

The dogged will and determined courage of Premier Benito Mussolini, in face of international opposition, gave Italy its new empire. Upon King Victor Emanuel the Italian dictator conferred the title of Emperor of Ethiopia and upon himself the title of Empire Founder.

Italy's conquest of Haile Selassie's hordes, initiated on October 3, 1935 and completed on May 5, 1936, added 350,000 square miles of territory to Italy's possessions. Three times the size of Italy, this rich territory has a population of 8,000,000 and unlimited natural resources.

Number 1 event of the year, therefore, was the conquest of Ethiopia. Number 2 event was Italy's alliance with Germany. The latter development was brought about by England's and France's bitter opposition to Mussolini's colonial war in violation of the League Covenant.

This year, which has proved so lucky for Italy, did not begin so propitiously for Mussolini and his Blackshirt Legions. At the close of 1935 his armies in Africa were hundreds of miles from Addis Ababa, the League of Nations was threatening an oil embargo and the gold reserve of the Bank of Italy (because of sanctions) were fast dwindling.

Mussolini threatened military resistance which would have meant war in Europe if the League carried out its project for an oil embargo against Italy.

Millions of Italians came to the rescue of the Treasury by contributing their gold wedding rings and trinkets to provide gold for war purposes. The League expelled the Ethiopian from Addis Ababa, but it is believed it tilted the government over a dangerous financial crisis and united the country against its enemies as it never has been united since the advent of Fascism.

The African campaign had reached War Communism Number 85 when the southern front dawned. There was talk of offensives on both the northern and southern fronts, and rumours of the possibility of war in Europe.

On January 12th General Rodolfo Graziani initiated his offensive on the southern front. On January 22nd captured Neghelli. A few days later, on January 25th, Marshal Pietro Badoglio started his offensive on the northern front and after four days fighting routed the Ethiopians in the Battle of the Tembien, killing 5,000 of the enemy.

HAILE SELASSIE DEFEATED. The first part of February was spent in large scale preparations for new advances on both fronts, while the League of Nations was hesitating over the application of an oil embargo. The United States adopted an independent policy of neutrality, and the League abandoned its plans for new sanctions. The Italians were grateful to Washington, and redoubled efforts to finish the war as soon as possible.

In the middle of February General Badoglio met and after five days fighting defeated Ras Mulugheta and his hordes of 60,000 warriors, killing about 6,000. He followed up this victory on February 28th with a Second Battle of the Tembien, routing Ras Kassa and Seyoum in which the Ethiopians lost almost 15,000 men.

The morale of the Ethiopians was shaken and the Italians prepared during March for new advances on all fronts. On March 31st Badoglio initiated an offensive at Lake Aschlaghi against the Ethiopians personally led by Haile Selassie. The Emperor was badly defeated and fled toward Dege, leaving 7,000 men on the battlefield.

On April 1st another Italian column occupied Gondar and by April 4th all the Ethiopian forces on the northern front were in full retreat. On April 15th the Italians occupied Dessie, former headquarters of the Emperor's northern army, and by April 25th the Italians were in complete control of the Lake Tana region.

At the end of April Graziani took Sassabeneh and crushed Ras Mesibu, while Badoglio was pushing southward from Dessie toward Addis Ababa.

After wallowing through mud and burning over roads until even for camels, Badoglio in the afternoon of May 5th, entered Addis Ababa to find that the Emperor already had fled the country.

With the occupation of Addis Ababa, Mussolini called the nation into the public squares and announced: "Ethiopia is Italian." The rejoicing continued throughout the night.

On May 8th the victory was consolidated with an announcement of the annexation of Ethiopia and the proclamation of King Victor Emanuel as Emperor of Ethiopia.

The war had hardly seven months and had cost Italy the lives of about 3,000 men. Even the most optimistic experts had predicted it would take Italy at least two years to conquer Ethiopia.

The annexation of Ethiopia severely humiliated England which throughout the conflict had opposed Italy's campaign. At one time during the war England concentrated more than 600,



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ATHLETIC
SET
HOT PACE

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disappointed, and none of the inside men impressed.

THE GAME IN BRIEF

The game was not very old when Athletics were rewarded with a goal for their persistent and lively attacks. There was a smart move in the centre resulting in Tang Kwong-sum securing possession when well placed. He shot hard and McConigal, rushing up to intercept, had the misfortune of seeing the ball twist off his foot into the net. In less than ten minutes Ulster were on level terms, Doherty working in nicely and centring hard and low from left. Tam Kwan-kun got his hands to the ball but could not hold it and Moore rushed up to put the finishing touches. So the first half ended, though both goals should have fallen more than once. Moore and Killen missed for the Rifles and Lai Wal-dai, made an awful mess of a pass across the goalmouth when three yards out.

The Rifles quickly became dominant in the second half, and pummelled away at a stout defence. Often the soldiers' full backs were over the halfway line so insistent were the offensives, yet seldom did the Rifles look capable of scoring. Great opportunities went begging. Killen fozzling several by attempting to shoot when he should have centred.

Eventually the Rifles got right through and as Moore (I think it was) was about to recover the ball on the goal line he was tripped from behind. A penalty was the only thing to give, yet Stevens who ran up to take it, could only shoot straight at the goalkeeper who scrambled the ball away for a corner. But it was merely a respite. Killen put in a perfect kick from the flag, and Miller rushing up from half back banged the ball past a crowd of players.

Thereafter the Ulsters were top dogs and the Athletics forward line could not get going. Their efforts were nullified on the halfway line, and only the determined resistance of the Chinese defence, plus poor finishing by the Rifles quintette, prevented more goals being piled up against the Athletics.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1937.

The many friends of Dr. J. S. Dykes, L.D.S. (S.), will regret to learn of his impending departure from the Colony. Since his arrival in January 1928, he has been the Government Dental Officer. Dr. Dykes is proceeding to Singapore on January 9 to enter into partnership with Dr. H. Harley Clarke, who was with him at St. Andrews. He will carry with him the good wishes of a wide circle of friends.

RADIO BROADCAST

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No. 20.

10.35 p.m. A Ballad Concert.

11 p.m. "Yesterday and Tomorrow."

11.30 p.m. Variety.

11.35 p.m. Cinema Organ Recital.

11.45 p.m. The Third Cricket Test Match.

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MACAO AGAIN

TRIUMPH

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the opposition. Tara Singh, centre

half, was constantly in the thick of

clashes and with the wing halves

played stoutly. Menaced time and

again by the opposing attack, the

halves were unable to position with

sufficient accuracy. At back,

Fushan and Darizo Singh played

a destructive game. The visitors

did not concede anything, but played

with all possible grit to the end.

Playing for the visitors were Naha

Razal, Fushan and Darizo Singh;

Baachan, Yara and Hana Singh;

Khuda Bux, Kishan Singh, Tara

Singh, Huda Bux, Cuija Singh.

Macao's team consisted of Almada;

Rosario, Lammeret; J. Nolasco, Alex

Alroca, L. Costa, P. Nolasco, Alberto

Alroca, Pedrinho Angelo, H. Rosario,

Amilcar Angelo.

BASKET BALL

Bringing their newly formed

basket ball team and soccer eleven, a

sports delegation numbering about

thirty of the Canton Municipal Police

paid a visit to Macao this week-end.

They met the Macao South China

Athletic Association at basket ball

yesterday and were victorious by a

score of 43-20, and triumphed again

by 53-33 against a team selected from

various clubs. Contesting a foot-

ball match with Macao, the Canton

Police defeated the Artillery, Macao's

League champions, by a score of

three clear goals and drew with the

Macao Police Club, three all.

HONGKONG

GOLF CLUB

LATEST RESULTS

IN TOURNEY

The following are the latest results

in current competitions of the Royal

Hongkong Golf Club.

In the second round of the Stubbs

Shield, Education Department beat

Gibb, Livingstone and Co. 3 and 2.

Harbour Office beat Harry Wicking

and Co. at the 19th, and H.M.S.

Cornflower (H.K.N.V.F.) beat But-

terfield and Swire.

In the second round of the G. M.

Young Cup, Dodwell and Co. beat

Low, Bingham and Matthews, while

Manufacturers Life Insurance beat

A.P.C. after a tie. On this latter

occasion it was decided if necessary

to decide the match by the number

of holes difference and this regula-

tion had to be enforced.

In the same competition, Butterfield

and Swire beat the Standard Vacuum

Oil Co.

G. S. Chambers (20) beat D. L.

Prophet (12) at the 10th in the

second round of the Captain's Cup,

while A. V. Greaves (20) beat G. A.

Stewart (15) by 7 and 6.

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Providents (new), 20 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$90 n.

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Venz: Goldfield \$8 b.

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Baguio Gold, P. .27
Balatoe Min., P. 14½
Benguet Consols, P. 14½
Benguet Expl., P. .18
Big Wedges, P. .37
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Salacot Min., P. .07
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ANGLO-ITALIAN
ACCORD

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published. In these, Count Ciano confirmed that as far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and unmodified.—*Reuter*.

Text of Notes

London, Jan. 3.

The notes exchanged in Rome on December 31, between Sir Eric Drummond and Count Ciano on the integrity of the present territories of Spain, are now made public.

The British Ambassador, in his note, begins by recalling the common question and answer of December 10 on the integrity of the present territories of Spain. The British Government has the Government of Italy concerning the Balearic Islands and cites Mr. Anthony Eden's account of the giving of assurance which, he pointed out, were verbal.

"His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires in Rome, acting on instructions, informed the Italian Foreign Minister on September 12 that any alteration of the status quo in the Western Mediterranean would be a matter of the closest concern to His Majesty's Government. Mr. Eden continued that taking note of this communication, the Italian Foreign Minister had assured Mr. Ingram that the Italian Government had not either before or since the revolution in Spain engaged in any negotiations with General Franco whereby the status quo in the Western Mediterranean would be altered, nor would it engage in any such negotiations in the future.

This assurance, the Secretary of State added, was subsequently reaffirmed spontaneously to the British Naval Attaché in Rome by the Italian Ministry of Marine, and the Italian Ambassador in London had on several occasions given to the Secretary of State similar verbal assurances."

Sir Eric Drummond's note then proceeds: "In view of these assurances His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom assumes that so far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and unmodified. It would, however, be grateful if Your Excellency saw your way formally to confirm the accuracy of this assumption and I have accordingly the honour to enquire whether your Excellency could supply me with such confirmation."

Count Ciano's note, after recapitulating the verbal assurances as recalled by the Ambassador, reads: "I have consequently no difficulty on behalf of the Royal Italian Government in confirming the accuracy of His Majesty's Government's assumption, namely, that so far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and unmodified."—*British Wireless*.

Pact Welcome

London, Jan. 3.

According to news reaching London, the announcement of the signature in Rome yesterday of the Italian and British declaration of the Mediterranean position has been welcomed in all parts of Europe.

The French Foreign Minister, to whom the substance of the agreement was communicated yesterday through the British Embassy in Paris, later made a public statement in which he expressed the delight of the French Government, and associated it with the effort for peace and peace embodied in the declaration.—*British Wireless*.

SPAIN DEFIES GERMAN
THREAT

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ed to the detained portion of the cargo of the steamer Potos, seized by Spanish patrol boats last week).—*Reuter Special*.

Spanish Reply

Madrid, Dec. 3.

An authoritative statement has been issued in Bilbao in reply to German allegations that a German subject had been shot after a mock trial. It states that a German named Guedde, made prisoner at the front on October 5, admitted having served with volunteers with the Nationalist army. He was condemned to death.

At the same time ten other accused, including a German named Eupel and a Swiss named Kohnmann, were sentenced to life imprisonment, charged with participating in a military rebellion.—*Reuter Special*.

Aragon Still Held

Berlin, Jan. 3.

The Spanish steamer Aragon, seized by a German warship last week, will not be released until the cargo of the German ship Potos and the passenger carried on that vessel are released by the Spanish Leftists according to a communiqué issued by the German News Agency to-day.

In the meantime the entire German press continues to voice the greatest indignation at the alleged anti-German acts committed by the Government forces in Spain and calls for more stringent reprisals against them by the German Government.—*Reuter*.

Coast Defences

Bilbao, Jan. 4.

The Bilbao Government has announced that it is installing long range coast defence guns and is preparing "for any eventuality."

It is holding the first firing tests on Monday and has warned fishing boats to remain outside the 15-mile limit of Bilbao and Santona.—*United Press*.

Millionaire Lover Pursues
Dancer

GLAMOROUS LOLITA CORDOBA, with huge black eyes, has gone to London from Mexico to escape from an American millionaire who is madly in love with her but whom she does not love.

She has run away from him, but love knows no boundary and he is on his way to Britain.

Lolita, feeling rather nervous at being pursued, and suffering from a not too pleasant crossing, was in bed when a newspaper representative saw her at the Savoy Hotel.

A sigh came from her. "I do not love him. I cannot marry him." Her eyes lit up and her voice became soft.

"I am in love with an Englishman, and he is in love with me. I do not want to divulge his name, but he belongs to an aristocratic family. Some day we will marry."

"He is not a millionaire, but he has a heart of gold, and always does the right thing."

"He sent me those lovely roses. The American would have sent me something out of the ordinary, something queer which would not have given me anything like the pleasure the roses did."

Wants To Settle Down

Lolita, who is well known on the American stage, screen and radio, expects to make a film over here.

She has won fame as a Spanish dancer, but she says she is tired of the stage.

"I want to give it up, to settle down with my Englishman, to have children, and lead a quiet life."

"First, though, I want to make a 'hit' in London. I feel I owe that to myself. Then I will gladly marry my Englishman and give up the stage for ever."

Another
Kind
Of Time

HOW LIFE MOVES

Mankind is already blessed with mean solar time, sidereal time, summer time, and space time—and Professor Milne, of Oxford, has lately told us that atoms and stars keep a different kind of time from the normal pendulum clock.

Now a French scientist, M. Lecomte de Nouy, has determined to add to the fun by announcing that there is yet another kind of time—"biological time"—the time which our bodies keep.

M. de Nouy has assisted Dr. Alexis Garval of the Rockefeller Institute in his remarkable experiments on "tissue culture"—the growth and maintenance of healthy tissues outside the body—and is now working at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. His views on time are put forward in "Biological Time," published by Methuen, London, at 7s. 6d.

His theory is based on his main experimental achievement, the reduction of the healing of wounds to mathematical formula—depending on the size of the wound, the age of the patient, and (with cold-blooded animals) on the surrounding temperature.

A "correction," as might be expected, has to be introduced to account for the rapid healing of long, narrow wounds in proportion to their size. Otherwise, it appears, the equations "work." The bigger the wound, the more rapidly, in proportion, it heals. And age acts as a progressive brake on the rate of healing.

A TEST

In one remarkable case, M. de Nouy was even able to diagnose the age of a patient and the shape of his wound, merely by applying his calculations to figures supplied him by post by the attending doctor.

Beyond that, M. de Nouy points out that life moves more slowly for a child than it does for a man, and for a young man than for an old one. Quantitatively, he suggests, that what matters is not the duration of time as measured by a clock, but the proportion of that interval to the total of experience already lived through. Thus, for a child of ten, a year's interval is one-tenth of his previous length of life, and equivalent to a two years' interval for a man of twenty, or four years for a man of forty.

A time-scale based on this theory conveniently coincides, as near as may be, with a similar time-scale used on the healing of wounds.

That M. de Nouy's "Biological Time," it may, or may not, attain to permanence as a philosophical conception. It is certainly illustrative of the increasing emphasis which is now being placed on biological research and processes.

And as an intellectual pastime the reading of his book is to be recommended.

Horse Brings News
Of Suicide

Note Tied To Empty Saddle

New York, Dec. 18.

Grieved by the death of a woman friend, Reserve Lieutenant William L. Carson, aged 25, killed himself under unusual circumstances.

He rode to a lonely spot on the artillery range at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he had been stationed for a course of training. Drawing a rough map, he put it in a despatch bag tied to the empty saddle of his horse. Then after starting the horse back to the stable he killed himself.

A note with the map asked a fellow officer to see that his body was cremated and the ashes scattered over the grave of his woman friend who died ten days ago.

KRUPPS TO BUILD
NILE BRIDGE

Cairo, December 18.

KRUPPS, German arms and steel manufacturers, have been awarded a contract to build the Semennud Bridge across the River Nile.

Their tender, £151,293, was the lowest of ten submitted. Dorman Long, with £171,796, made the lowest British tender.—*Reuter*.

Somennud is a town on the Damietta arm of the Nile delta, 80 miles north of Cairo.

NEW YORK
MARKET
UNEASY

LABOUR TANGLE IS ONE FACTOR

New York, Jan. 2.

Prices were lower on the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

The labour news continued to disconcert the market while the new developments in the Spanish situation were construed—bearishly.

There is also considerable nervousness over the approaching legislation in the new session of Congress, and uncertainty regarding the trend of the commodity markets.

The Bond Market was irregular and issues on the Curb Exchange were lower.

DOW-JONES AVERAGE

Dec. 31, Jan. 2. Change

Industrials 179.00 178.52 Off 1.38

Rails 53.66 53.28 Off 1.38

Utilities 34.83 34.60 Off 1.7

Bonds 105.58 105.50 Off .08

Volume: 690,000 shares.—*United Press*.

EUROPEAN'S LOSS OF MONEY

WALLET LOST OR STOLEN

The loss, on New Year night, of approximately \$400 in currency, was reported at the Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station by Mr. P. S. Robertson, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Passenger Department.

The currency, contained in a blue leather wallet, was lost between the Hongkong Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, between the hours of 9 and 10.30 p.m. It is not known whether the wallet accidentally dropped from the pocket, or was stolen in the jostling of the crowd on the Star Ferry.

FAIR WEATHER

The anticyclone continues to move eastward, and pressure is highest over the Sea of Japan. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

REBEL PARDONED

Nanking, Jan. 4.

It is authoritatively stated that the State Council has approved Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's recommendation for the pardon of Chang Hsueh-liang, but the mandate is being withheld until to-night.—*United Press*.

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William Powell and Carol Lombard, who star in the new romantic comedy, "My Man Godfrey," now showing simultaneously at the Queen's, Alhambra and Star Theatres.

Two Dead
Rulers
On Radio

Vienna, Dec. 20.

VOICES of two dead Emperors were heard throughout Austria to-day.

Old gramophone records and the official Austrian radio combined in a public piece of propaganda for the restoration of the Hapsburgs.

To-day is the anniversary of the accession of the Emperor Francis Joseph to the Austro-Hungarian throne in 1848.

Two sentences in the feeble voice of an old man . . . it is 1915 now and old Francis Joseph, still on the throne, is expressing approval of an army victory.

Six sentences in a firmer, younger voice . . . 1918 . . . the old man is dead and his nephew, the Emperor Charles is urging his troops to victory.

The old Imperial anthem floats through the air . . . 1938 . . . Charles, who abdicated after the war, died in exile in 1921, but his son, Otto, is pretender to the throne.

ITALIAN TROOPS
LANDED

(Continued from Page 1.)

Madrid to Valencia, the seat of the Spanish Government, to which the British Embassy has been withdrawn from the capital. The Vice-Consul remains in Madrid meantime.—*British Wireless*.

ENTRAIN FOR SEVILLE

Gibraltar, Jan. 4.

It is reliably stated that 8,000 Italians, wearing the uniform of the Italian army, have disembarked at Cadiz during the past 48 hours and have entrained for Seville.—*United Press*.

TROPEDO WORKS BURNS

London, Jan. 4.

The Exchange Telegraph's Seville correspondent cables that fire has destroyed a torpedo factory near Barcelona, killing 120. A series of explosions hampered the rescuers' efforts.—*United Press*.

MALAGA BOMBED

Valencia, Jan. 4.

It is learned here that late Saturday the rebels delivered the most vicious raid of the southern front's experience, nine air-motored machines dropping incendiary bombs on Malaga.

Many of the bombs fell in the thickly-populated "Old Town," and thus far 14 bodies have been recovered. Many more are believed to remain in the smouldering ruins.—*United Press*.

MADRID BOMBARDED

Madrid, Jan. 4.

Rebel artillery dropped six shells near the Telephone Exchange Building to-day. One struck a house in the Fuerte del Sol and shrapnel killed a man and woman who were strolling along the street. Falling debris killed a young girl.

The Government has announced that most fronts are quiet, indicating that the rebels have possibly withdrawn their forces in order to concentrate at Cordova, where there is fierce fighting.—*United Press*.

REBELS CLAIM GAINS

Gibraltar, Jan. 4.

General Del Lano, the insurgent veteran, has announced that rebel troops have broken through the loyalist lines at Madrid, capturing the Villa Franco de la Casilla and several villages, including Sasarola, Casa del Guardia.

It is estimated that more than 1,000 Loyalists died in the recent fighting in South Spain.

It is also claimed that rebel bombers have destroyed the Murcia Powder Factory and that insurgents shot down two Loyalist planes which attempted to bomb Cordova.—*United Press*.

CIRCUS COMES
TO TOWN

FIVE ELEPHANTS INCLUDED

A large crowd gathered at the Steamboat Company's wharf in Connaught Road this morning to watch the unloading from the B. and S. steamer Huppel of R. Bell's Circus which arrived from Tientsin.

Strangely enough, despite the fact that all the animals, including five elephants, were "berthed" below decks, there was not the least difficulty in getting them either on or off the ship. A gangway was prepared from the hold to the deck and on each occasion the elephants and horses behaved very well and walked calmly off the vessels.

The circus lost a number of animals during their trip north, the weaner at Tientsin being particularly cold and enacting two animals considerably. During the trip, too, one of the performing parrots died.

The largest elephant one night during the trip broke loose but did no harm except to discover the hay supply and distribute it lavishly among his relatives, leaving the noses with a not over-pleasant supply.

UNIVERSAL FILM
POLICY

BRANCH OPENED IN HONGKONG

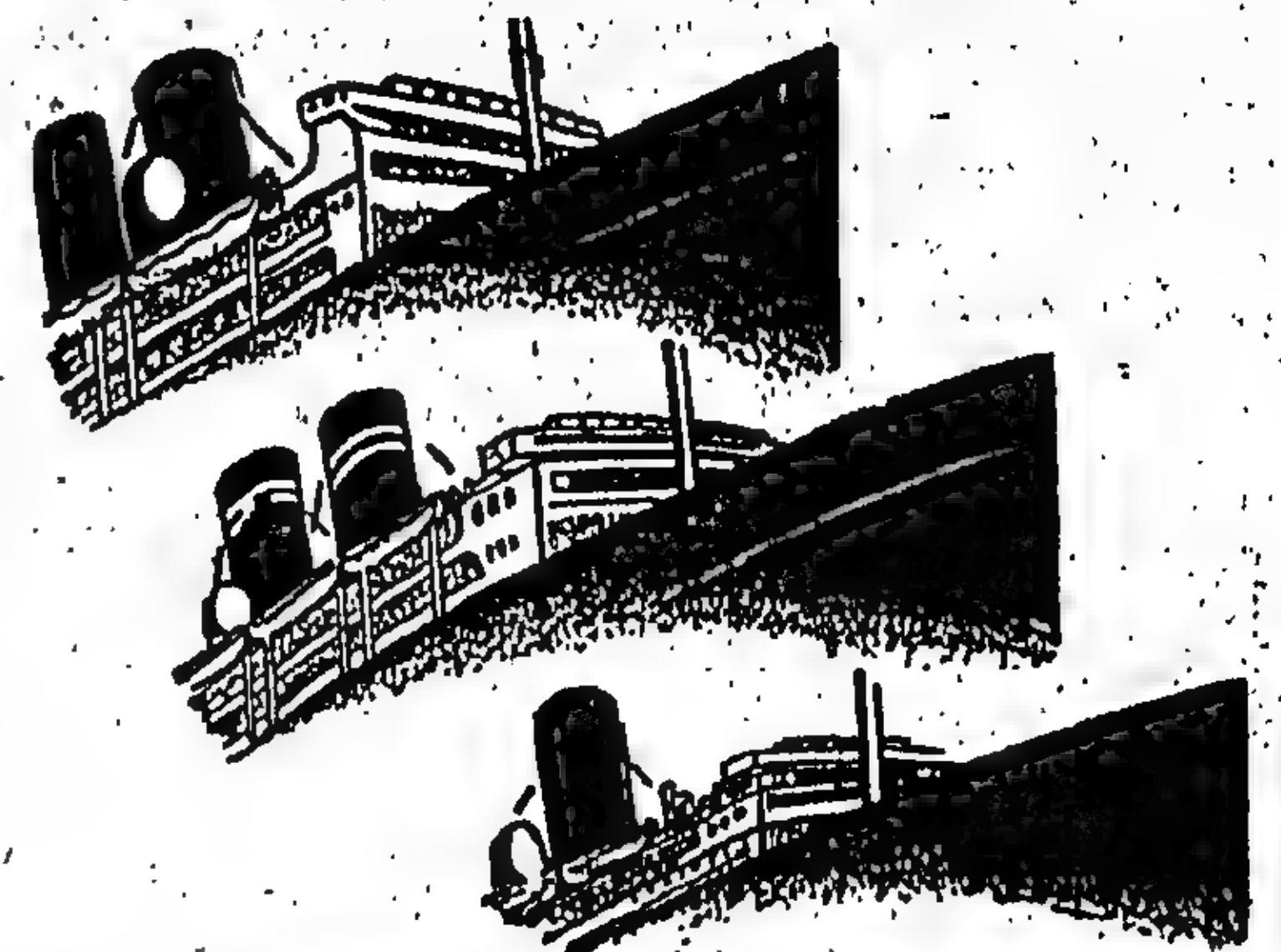
With the arrival in Hongkong of Mr. B. W. Palmertz, a new policy of film distribution is being adopted by the Universal Pictures Corporation in South China.

Mr. Palmertz has opened a South China branch of the Corporation in Hongkong, superseding the agency formerly held by Mr. C. L. Chung, who goes to Shanghai.

Fruits of the new policy are seen in the screening this week at three theatres—the Queen's, Alhambra and Star—of the Universal film "My Man Godfrey," picked as one of the best films of 1936. It will be followed by others of equal merit.

SEAFORCES DUE
ON WEDNESDAY

Owing to bad weather experienced between here and Singapore, the transport Lancelotti of the Seaford Highlanders here from Egypt and taking the East Lancashire Regiment from Hongkong to Ambala, India, will not arrive to-morrow. She expects to tie up at Kowloon wharf at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

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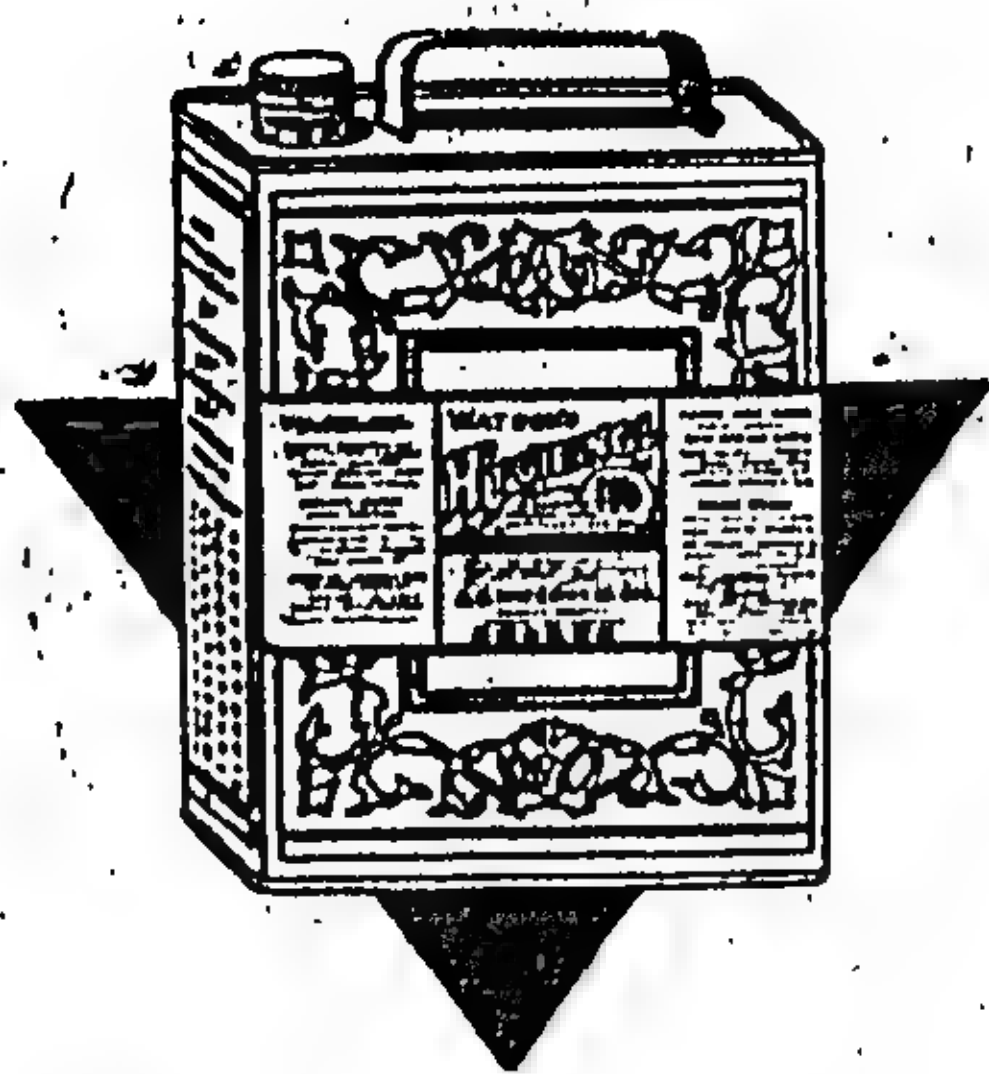
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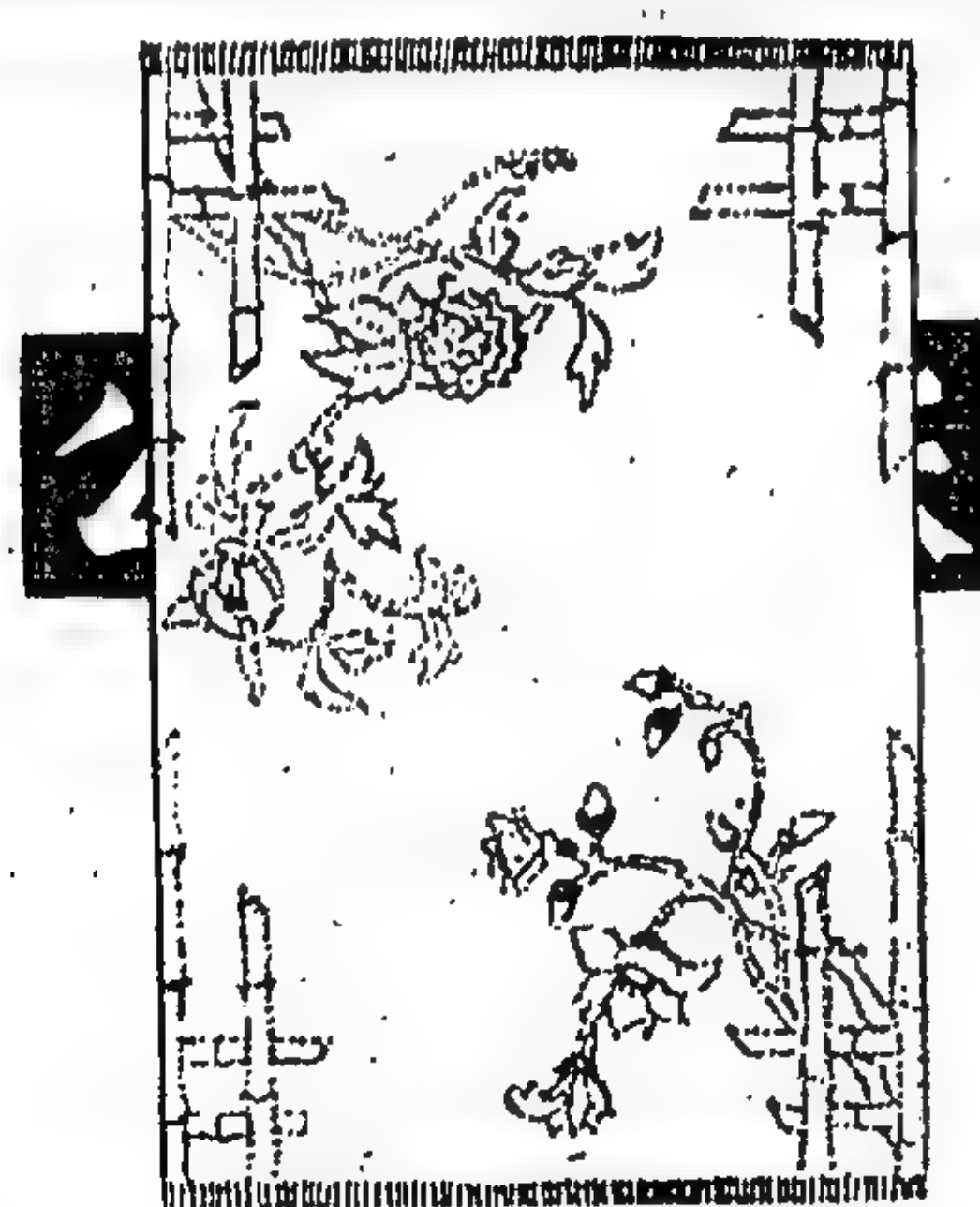
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a son.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1937.

EASTERN EUROPE DANGERS

The civil war in Spain, with all its possible repercussions, has so concentrated attention on Western Europe that the situation in Eastern Europe has latterly escaped widespread notice. In particular, the full implications of the understandings concluded with Russia by France on the one hand and Czechoslovakia on the other have not been generally recognised. The latter pact, which is said to be directed against Germany and Hungary alike, has been described by a British commentator as the plague-carrier of European politics. Of itself, the Franco-Russian understanding could not have worked, since the frontiers of Germany and Russia would have remained widely divided by intervening countries. All this has been changed by the agreement reached between the Soviet and Czechoslovakia, which, it is pointed out, will enable Russian air-power to be carried into Germany's vitals. What is Britain's attitude to these developments? According to Mr. J. L. Garvin, one of the most balanced writers of the day, our duty is to keep out of the whole of this business, and, as far as in us lies, not to allow it to become the cause of war in Western Europe. "Nothing on earth," says Mr. Garvin, "will induce the British people to mobilise against Germany in that cause. Our plain and sane policy in this world about us is one of maximum of armaments and minimum of commitments. We should shun every entanglement in Eastern Europe." The opinion is further expressed that if we refuse to mix the two problems, there will be lasting peace in Western Europe, but not otherwise. There can be little doubt that British feeling in general is distinctly in favour of improving our relations with Germany, rather than to do anything which would create fresh friction between the two nations. Our political ideologies may be totally at variance one with another, but that is no reason why we should not be able to work together for the preservation of peace. To use the words of Mr. Garvin, "another Anglo-German war from any cause would be a dark catastrophe; an unnecessary Anglo-German war, made by Britain for the sake of the Soviet Pact and Eastern Europe, would be a blunder and a crime, past example." These words represent sober British opinion, and there is no reason for thinking that they do not also reflect the policy of the British Government.

Has your wife got too much time on her hands?

BECAUSE his loneliness is unbearable, 25-year-old Sidney Alcorn writes to the King to release his wife. Sentenced to death in July for the murder of her child, she was reprieved 23 hours later.

"All my life I had been lonely till we married," he says. "From the age of four to thirteen I was in an orphanage. Since then I have had only one real pal—Helen."

This is a rare and extreme case. For every man victim of the disease of loneliness there are 50 women.

Not only aged spinsters and girls "living on their own" suffer from it. They are by no means the largest class of sufferers.

The largest class are the wives, and this illness is beyond the range of doctors, but not, perhaps, of the sociologists, the men who are concerned with changes.

Loneliness provides a fine theme for sentimental writers for women; it is time to approach it scientifically.

TO begin with, it is impossible to say under our divorce laws how many divorces are the result of boredom, which the American cause for divorce "incompatibility of temperament," so adequately covers.

The sociologists believe, and every man who lives in a small flat knows, that the work of running a small flat by no means absorbs the energies of the average healthy woman.

No social expert has yet investigated what this means in terms of mental stress. We know, of course, that the change from the seven-roomed house to the three-roomed flat is, in part,

responsible for the declining birthrate.

SO, coupled with the fact that the woman in the flat has not enough work to occupy her time is the other fact leading to mental dissatisfaction—the childless marriage.

Thus, in a vast number of cases, women are faced with a period of leisure for which nothing in our social system has prepared them.

They do not know how to use it, nor can they be blamed for not knowing. How often does the retired man know what to do with himself?

The majority of wives between 20 and 30 come from homes where they were one of perhaps three or four or more children. They saw their mothers occupied in rearing a family with little time for morbid introspection, which is the result of loneliness. As they grew older, they helped in the business of running the family, or went out to work eight or nine hours a day.

AFTER marriage they find they have twelve hours a day to do necessary work needing, at most, three or four hours in a small flat.

Soon the novelty of marriage wears off, and the unaccustomed leisure becomes a drag. They really don't know what to do with themselves.

Those with whom money does not count find escape in lunching out, going to the cinema, joining one of the big libraries and reading themselves into a state of stupefaction. To the second and third-rate fictioneers they are a blessing.

BUT most of the victims of loneliness—and they provide divorce lawyers with a great proportion of their business—come from the middle classes.

The women of this class have, as a rule, enough money to keep them in moderate comfort. What little work is necessary at home can be done by one servant. Significantly this class also leads the field in the declining birthrate statistics.

They have few cares and no duties. They are easy targets for the germ of loneliness, because they are alone more hours than any class of society. Their husbands work longer hours than any other type of worker.

The suburban "at homes" and "bridge afternoons" did something to alleviate their loneliness. They were pathetic attempts at companionship, but the narrowness of their circle frequently failed them. How often do the newspapers report inexplicable suicides in this class?

WHAT makes this increasingly perilous is that this is the very class which is moving in large numbers into the big blocks of flats, not only in London, but in provincial cities.

In this type of flat there is no social life at all. Their occupants feel honour-bound not to know their neighbours.

Where privacy might be difficult, their guarding of it makes companionship and new friendships impossible.

It is well known that solitude, that is loneliness, breaks the spirit of the most rebellious prisoner. Can the psychologists estimate the effects of this peculiarly English disease on not only highly strung but also on normal healthy women?

IT is a disease peculiar to England. You do not find it in Scotland or in Wales or in France or in Germany.

The reticence and reserve which makes an English railway carriage like a school for the dumb does not exist in other countries.

In Wales and Scotland there is no sense of intrusion when one speaks to a stranger. Welsh people regard it as one of the oddities of London that a man does not know his neighbour. They talk of it as an English people might talk of the strange custom of some tribe lost in the wilds of Africa.

The Welsh avoid loneliness, though not consciously, by going to chapel not only on Sundays, but several times a week, joining dramatic societies, social guilds, and singing parties.

Continental women in the afternoon meet their friends in cafes, and talk for hours over a peach soaked in a glass of champagne.

THE plain fact is that the English quality of reserve has ceased to be merely a quality that foreigners observed. It has become, under changing social conditions, a menace, that undermines Englishwomen's lives.

Maybe the problem will be solved not by the professors, but by the builders of the homes of the future.

Already some builders of modern flats incorporate in them swimming pools, squash and tennis courts. They do so not for any sociological reason, but to make them more attractive.

When, instead of dozens of such blocks, there are thousands, the disease of loneliness may disappear by people, especially women, getting to know each other by playing together.

Until that happens you will still read, as I did not long ago, of a husband who said at the inquest on his wife, "I was away all day, and the loneliness got on her nerves."

The English are funny that way; they would rather die than risk a snub. So they won't talk.

Emrys Jones

A VITAL MOVEMENT

Oxford Groupers' "Changed Lives"

THIS morning I received a letter from one of the leading figures of the Oxford Group movement. It was brimful of vitality and confidence, describing interviews the Groupers had arranged with political leaders in America and Holland.

This, in fact, is one of the most striking features of everything associated with the movement, and is one of the explanations of its extraordinary success in the last few years.

Founded in 1921 by Dr. Frank Buchman, a former Lutheran pastor in the United States, the Group is an association of Christians who bind themselves to live their lives according to the standards laid down in the New Testament. There are no rules or membership cards.

People are either "in" or "out." Groupers are said to be "changed lives," and the leaders believe that if sufficient key people in each country can be "changed," the whole course of history can be altered; and the present international disorders wiped out by mutual understanding.

The severest critics of the Group do not deny the truth of the "changed lives." When I was at Oxford leaders of the "fast set" underwent amazing transformations after being brought into contact with Groupers. Some of them had to stand a great deal of ridicule from former associates, but they stuck to their guns, and made fresh converts of their own.

Quiet Times

As perfect honesty is prescribed for Groupers, great importance is attached to "Quiet Times," which are held at all private gatherings of members. A "Quiet Time" is the name given to a short period of silence, during which those taking part in a meeting sit with pencil and paper before them, ready to jot down any "guidance" for future actions which comes to them.

After the leader has said a short prayer, these thoughts are "shared"—each individual reading out what has been written. There is an extraordinary friendliness about these meetings, and the shyest individuals are soon made to feel at home.

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up at one of the meetings and confessing their failures in the past, and their new resolve to maintain the Group standards.

Many people are introduced to the movement at what are called "house parties." These parties consist of a series of meetings held in one house, attended by members and their friends, who are introduced to "quiet times." The house parties have so far been very successful, and a noteworthy feature is their excellent organization. Usually several big hotels are booked in towns where house parties are held, but in University towns it has become the practice to hire some of the colleges.

At the last house party I attended there was an extraordinary assortment of classes and professions. Anglican bishops rubbed shoulders with Trade Union leaders, Communist orators, politicians, jour-

nalists, industrialists, officers of the three fighting Services, and unemployed men from the special areas. There was no attempt to grade or sectionalise different interests, and in practice there were no difficulties, this strange medley of people living together in perfect harmony.

In recent years the groups have spread all over the world, and there are strong sections in Canada, Switzerland, the United States, and Germany. The recent drive through the Scandinavian countries was voted a success, and certainly aroused enormous interest. The Group numbers in its ranks to-day leaders of public life in a dozen important countries. There is hardly an important town in Europe where there is not at least one group of people meeting daily for a "quiet time" together. I have met groupers in most unexpected places. On my last visit to Berlin I called on a Groupier who is a member of Hitler's personal bodyguard!

Can the Oxford Group really change lives? The answer is to be found in seeing its members, many of whom were judged and unhappy people a few years ago, and are to-day brimful of energy, with that self-confidence that comes from a full and enjoyable life.

Friendly Atmosphere

There are many prominent figures both inside and outside the Church who have severely condemned the Oxford Group for its lack of "dignity," and its use of the most modern advertising devices, but on meeting these people one misses the friendliness that emanates from the "life-changers."

Psychologists have explained the success of the Group with wordy dissertations on repressions and inferiority complexes, but neither they nor any of the other critics offer a practical cure for individual misery and unsatisfied longing, which is just what the Groupers do.

The sins described by converts to Group principles at the private meetings are much less sensational than outsiders often imagine. Often petty acts of dishonesty are described, soon to be rectified. One man I know paid the Income-tax authorities a large sum he had illegally withheld over a period of years, but it was a rare case.

For the vast majority of people are not secret law-breakers or sinful liars. Their problems are chiefly concerned with their answers to great personal questions. And the Group claims to have the right answers.

V. D.

John Brown

PLAYING THE GAME

PROFICIENCY in sport appears to be the open sesame to success in business, especially in banking, insurance, and large commercial houses. Time after time a junior who is a good golfer or a rugby player is promoted to a position of responsibility. In practice this is not. Those who are specially favoured soon come to look upon their privileges as rights, and further, being favoured and applauded for their prowess in sport, soon forget that they receive their weekly wages for doing a certain job of work. Their work is often scamped, but a blind eye is turned to this falling because of their abilities on the field.

On the other hand, the man who pursues his own private hobby soon becomes disgruntled. In doing his job to the best of his ability and for the good of the firm he receives no encouragement; plainly he is shown that he is not popular because he goes his own way outside business hours, and so his work, too, is bound to suffer.

By all means let us play the game in the proper sense of the expression. Do not let it interfere with business. The popularity of sport increases daily, but he is a wise business man who is strong enough to keep it in its place, and that is, both in practice and effect, outside business hours.

The boss, of course, supports his interest on the score of esprit de

GANGSTER RUNS CITY, SLAYS RIVAL IN LOVE FEUD



Spanish governmental militia-men on the front of Madrid still retain their rifles while they are being shaved.

BEER IS BETTER THAN MILK!

—SAYS EXPERT

Vienna, Dec. 31.

Beer drinkers of the world, rejoice!

Beer is even better than milk for your health.

At least, that is what Austrians brewers, alarmed over the steady decrease of the beer consumption in these parts of the world, maintain in a flaming apology of their product.

A pint of beer is not only as nourishing as a pint of milk, but, in addition, is rich in vitamins "B" and it also contains the invigorating "Lupuline" stimulant.

Brewers claim that half a pint of beer contains 300 calories and, therefore, corresponds to four rolls or to slightly less than two ounces of butter.

As beer further has a calming effect, it is the ideal "nightcap," according to the brewers' theory.

It is extremely easy to digest and, therefore, an excellent food for persons recovering from an illness.

The brewers, however, readily admit in their eulogy of Gambrinus that excessive beer drinking is harmful.

But would not excesses in the consumption of other foods, for instance of milk, also have fairly unpleasant consequences?

Officer In The Tower

May Come To Australia

London, Dec. 17. "I see no reason why a young man, just because he has once done something rather foolish, should be forced to go through life with the stigma of 'spy' attached to his name."

That is why Mr. John McGovern, M.P., will soon hold a private inquiry which he hopes will result in the complete vindication of Mr. Norman Baillie-Stewart (the officer in the tower) when Mr. Stewart comes out of prison next January. It has been persistently reported that he will go to Australia.

Mr. Baillie-Stewart, formerly a Lieutenant in the Seaforth Highlanders, was found guilty in April, 1933, of charges under the Official Secrets Act. He was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

"His mother expects that he will be released in three months' time," Mr. McGovern said.

"I have arranged that he will then make a complete statement, incorporating facts which were not published during his trial, which was mainly heard in camera."

"With this, and other collected evidence to go on, several influential men in Army and civil life will foot the bill for a court of inquiry that will be independent of the War Office."

"Too much of the trial, in my opinion, was held in camera. It should have been a civil court inquiry, anyway. His confession, for instance, bore no relation whatsoever to the grounds on which he was convicted."

Plague Of Mice

New Zealand District Suffers

Nelson, N.Z. Dec. 30.

Tutaki Valley is overrun by an invasion of mice which is so heavy that the pests can be seen running about in the fields, while any article picked up reveals a further half-dozen. Cats and dogs have lost all interest, having had enough to last them a lifetime. Such visitations have been experienced before and usually last about six weeks. No one knows whence the mice come nor whether they go.

Black Flag Terror

O. D. Gallagher, London reporter, newly returned from Spain, here tells the inside story of Barcelona—where the black flag of anarchy flies over a once gay city and a million people live in daily fear of death.

FIFTY - YEAR - OLD

Andres Revertés was chief of Public Order in Barcelona until a few days ago. He had power of life and death over the city's million people. He rode through the streets in a big, new car.

To-day he sits alone in a cell in the prison fortress on Montjuich—Mount of Jews—overlooking the city. One day this week militiamen will take him out and hand him over to one of the People's Courts. Accusations of abusing his power will be shouted at him before workmen judges and a mixed jury.

He has been accused of white-slavery, of having ordered the murder of his step-mother and several friends, of having "put out of the way" an official who married the woman he wanted.

Revertés will be escorted back to the Mount of Jews for the last time after the trial. Knowing so well the workings of these courts—where the judges cry "What sentence, comrades?" and the people, roar "Death!"—Revertés can have no hope.

Anti-Government

But the true reason that led to Revertés' trial was his implication in a plot to overthrow the Anarchist government that terrorises Barcelona.

People had begun to ask why various officials of the Catalan State—whom the Anarchists regard as the independence of Catalonia—were disappearing and anarchists taking their places. The Anarchist Press then told the public that reorganisation was taking place, all for the good of the republic.

One of the leaders of the Separatist Party, Casanovas, escaped to France. Revertés was arrested.

I have been told that had the plot succeeded it might have led to Catalonia negotiating for a separate peace with Franco. The plot was inspired by fierce resentment against Anarchist rule and by a desire to save Catalonia from becoming part of the field of war.

Not death from threatened insurgent bombardment, but death from unknown assassins, who work at night, is the fear that stalks the city to-day. The poor, the once rich and even Catalan Government officers go to their beds not knowing if they will ever awake.

'Soldiers Eat First'

Added to this is a serious food shortage. All suffer except Government officers and their friends. Rives were fired recently when housewives raised a violent outcry at one of the daily markets. The soldiers must have food they were told. Thirty tons of provisions are sent to Madrid every day from Catalonia.

Newspapers publish brief accounts of deportations of suspected foreigners. They publish even briefer announcements of executions. Just the names of the dozen or so men who are to be sentenced by workmen judges.

The public hears nothing of the scores of men stricken down in the night, or carried away under cover of darkness to the Mount of Jews. Ruling committees come and go with disconcerting rapidity, and while they hold office they use their power to wreak vengeance.

Meanwhile refugees fill every road from Madrid. Barcelona, it is estimated, is a temporary haven for 200,000 old men, women, and children.

Hidden Machine

In all this chaos is an organisation of amazing efficiency. It is operated mainly by secret agents and police, and it controls passports for those wishing to leave Spain. Spaniards cannot leave.

Foreigners must obtain the permission of five different departments, each under a different political party.

When the slightest suspicion attaches to any one leaving he is subjected to the most thorough examination. Men and women have to strip while their clothing is searched. No one may export more than 500 pesetas in bank notes and four in silver.



A model of the Coronation procession of King George VI, with three thousand figures, has been constructed by Mr. H. Edward Offord. With Westminster Abbey as a background, the procession is seen being televised.

BRIDE CANCELS WEDDING

Lady Cecilia Wellesley Changes Her Mind: Flies to Paris

A few hours before the marriage was to have taken place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, recently, Lady Cecilia Wellesley, 19-year-old daughter of Clare Countess Cowley and of the late Earl Cowley, travelled to Paris by air with her mother. They arrived at 12.45.

She had decided at the last moment to cancel the wedding.

The bridegroom was to have been Mr. John Claude Smiley, of Larne, Co. Antrim, second son of Valerie Lady Smiley, of Wentworth, Surrey, and of the late Sir John Smiley, brother of the present Baronet, and brother of Sir Hugh Smiley.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS FOR CURRENT WEEK

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, state: Chinese Company. Commendation. — Constable R26 Ho Yu-man is commended and granted the commendation service bar by the Inspector General of Police for zeal and alertness in arresting a Chinese male who was convicted for Larceny from Person.

Indian Company. Training Course: Part II.—The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Tuesday, January 5th, 1937 at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course: Constables R201 S. I. Bux, R210 Abdullah Shah, R213 S. B. Hussain, R216 Lal Khan, R230 M. S. Dillon, R207 Fazal Iqbal, R208 Mohammed Ali, R209 Razaek and R203 Jaffer Mohammed.

Training Course: Part III.—The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Wednesday, January 6th, 1937 at 17.30 hours for Part III of Training Course: Lance Sergeant R241 Sultan Khan, and Constables R205 Abdul Ghani, R223 Jaffer Mohammed, R208 M. S. Vodi, R290 Abdul Shakoor, R296 Ayub Khan, and R208 Mohamed Khan.

Emergency Unit Reserve. Riot Drill.—A Riot Drill will be carried out by members of the Emergency Unit Reserve on Friday, January 8th, 1937. All members will parade outside Queen's Pier at 17.20 hours. Dress.—Optional. C. CHAMPKIN, D. S. P. (R)

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE HOUSE IS A FINE HOUSE WHEN GOOD POLICE ARE WITHIN.—Proverb.

Second, Lieutenant H. A. de B. Botelho to be Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from December 6, 1936.

H.M.S. Folkestone returned to Hongkong this morning from a short cruise to Singapore and anchored at Junk Bay before coming into harbour.

The promotion of Capt. J. D. Milne, Royal Scots, to Major is notified. Major Milne is Staff Captain at the Headquarters of the China Command and is leaving in a few months to become G.S.O. 3 in Ceylon. He is a keen tennis player, and has taken part in many tennis tournaments during his stay here.

The P. and O. liner Rawalpindi is due here from Singapore at 8 a.m. on Thursday.

The speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club to-morrow will be Major A. E. Watts, whose subject will be: "A Wanderer's Impressions on returning to Hongkong."

A woman named Ng Yick-ho, of 4 Ventris Road, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, yesterday suffering from injuries received when she attempted to board a moving tram-car in Wongsheehung Road.

While standing in the roadway in Queen's Road East, yesterday, Siu Chung, of 35, Thomson Road, was knocked by a private motor car and received injuries to the back. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

CORONATION MINIATURE PROCESSION



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RADIO BROADCAST

Test Cricket: Scores From London DANCE MUSIC

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (848 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres (922 megacycles). 8 p.m. Dance Music from the Hongkong Hotel Roof-Garden. 6.30 p.m. Concert Waltzes. Wolga, Wolga (Russian Waltz Polpourri). (Walter Noack); Ilydropathen Waltz (Jos. Gungl); Greenings of Spring (Schwartz); The Broken String; The Swallow Waltz. 8.45 p.m. Songs by Amella Galli-Curci (soprano) and Stuart Robertson (bass-baritone).

Soprano Solos—Serenata (Tosti); Carceraria (Prison Song), (Chapli); Tenor Solos—When dull care (Lane Wilson); When lights go rolling (Ireland); Soprano Solo—Chanson Indoue (Song of India), (Rimsky-Korsakov); Tenor Solos—(a) The Mermals; (b) Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. H. M.); (c) Little Brown Jug; (d) The Three Crows (Eastburn).

7.08 p.m. Columbia Melster Orchestra. Italian Folk Songs—Medley, (de Michel); Blauer Pavillon (Armando); Trauendie Glocken (Krome).

7.20 p.m. Three Light Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.

1. Spanish Serenade; 2. The Child and his dancing doll (Jonny Heykens); 3. Daybreak (Reginald King).

7.30 p.m. Closing local stock quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market report.

7.35 p.m. Memories of Billy Mayerl and Jan Klepura.

Tenor Solos—La Danza (Rossini, arr. Schlessinger); Heule nacht oder nicht; Piano Solo—Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories; Tenor Solo—You, me and love; Piano Solo—Billy Mayerl's own selection; Tenor Solo—I mean to say I love you.

8 p.m. Time—Weather and Announcements.

8.05 p.m. A Relay from the Po Hing Theatre (Chinese).

8.11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme from Z. E. K. On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.

Les Saltimbanques—Overture (Louis Ganne); The Juggler (Grotzsch); March of the Caucasian Chief (Ippolitov-Ivanov, arr. Finek); Snook to me of love (Lenoir); Poem (Zichy); Serenade—Fassione (Silber); Fanfano (Dandier).

8.30 p.m. The Fountain of Arethusa (Szymanowski), Op. 30, by Joseph Szepiet (Violin).

8.38 p.m. A Recital by Eva Turner (soprano). ("Aida" (Verdi)—Ritorna Vincitor; O. Cleli Azzurri; "La Gioconda" (Ponchielli)—Sulcidie.

8.55 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. London—The Third Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the third day's play by Alan Kippax. From Melbourne. (Electrical Recording). 9.30 p.m. Variety.

Song—Love (Wonderful Love).... Grade Fields: Accordion, Serenading, Vocal—Duet—"The Great Ziegfeld" Medley.... The Keyboarders; Vocal—For me, for you; Hildegarde; Accordion Band—Six Hits of the day Song—Do you remember my first love song?.... Grade Fields.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben. "Empire Magazine" No. 20. A weekly Review of Things at Home. Edited by Pascoe Thornton. 10.30 p.m. Dance Music.



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NAVY'S DRAMATIC CRICKET DEFEAT

ASTOUNDING COLLAPSE WITH EASY VICTORY IN SIGHT

ALEC PEARCE GOES ON TO BOWL AND QUICKLY WRECKS HAVOC

(By R. Abbit)

It was difficult to realize when walking down on Saturday morning that Friday had been such an appalling day. Of course not a ball in the Club v. Navy Triangular Tournament match could be bowled, but some of us who took our livers out for a jog about 6 p.m. in the evening realized that the rain had stopped and that it was colder. There was hope for Saturday, but I certainly did not dream that such a beautiful day, sunny but cold, would come along.

The game of course became a one-day affair and writing these preliminary lines just before it, I am wondering quite a lot how the cricket is going to play. I gather that Cochrane is on the sick-list and that Harper will take his place. Owing to the requirements of an office—it is appalling how work interferes with cricket—I did not arrive on the ground until 10.15 and just been bowled but the score had kindly made a few notes for me.

Hayward won the toss and elected to bat of which more hereafter. T. E. Pearce and Owen Hughes opened the innings and the batsmen did not find the wicket very difficult to start with. Fifteen runs had been scored when Owen Hughes failed to get hold of a very long hop from Harper and was caught at extra cover by Boucher. With nine added Pearce did not quite hit a long hop on the leg side from Tufnell and Forster ran from fine to long leg, and made a very good catch. 24-10. Alec Pearce seemed comfortable enough but Nev never settled down.

Forster went on for Tufnell when the score was 27 and promptly bowled Nev with a beautiful ball. It was a wicket maiden and so was the next over, a fine ball coming back to bowl Ride who had gone out to it and then left it alone. It was at this time that I arrived on the ground.

The situation definitely called for a horse's neck and a slogger. MORE TROUBLE. Things were bad enough but when Forster, after a high long hop which Alec Pearce hooked for four, bowled another which kept low and the batsman was given l.b.w., (44-5-17), the situation from the point of view of the Club was desperate. It was the first over of Forster's I had seen, and as it included two long hops and two full tosses it was clearly a first-class over. I had previously been told that the wicket though difficult was not impossible.

Worse was to come however as next over Boucher, who had kept the Law Courts, and going, bowled Stewart with a beautiful one which might have been smothered forward perhaps, but turned very quickly. He had been dropped at first slip off a hard chance only two balls before. The procession continued. What looked like a fastish one broke flicked McLellan's leg stump—it was perhaps on the short side. At this time the batsmen had completely given up the idea of scoring runs and three maidens had yielded two wickets. The best hit (to be Irish) was four byes, and Forster's occasional full tosses were guided to mid-off with the solemnity of a church-warden showing the squire into his pew.

Fifty went up as the result of an hour and fifteen minutes' play. It was curious at this time that Boucher was bowling beautifully but had only one wicket while Forster was not very accurate but had got four. The run-

made a good catch. The Club were all out for 94 runs, extras being third top scorer with 13; it was a pretty poor performance.

THE NAVY ATTACK. Of the bowlers Boucher's 15.3-10-11-2 was the outstanding performance.

He was undoubtedly a great help to the other bowlers. Forster's figures were 7-4-8-4. He got three of his wickets with the three best balls, but was very inaccurate and against anything but spinless, butting his last two or three overs would have been punished. Harper got two wickets with long hops—(admittedly he slipped in delivering the second) while Tufnell's was a fine catch at long leg off a long hop on that side of the wicket. Seldon had a 1 seen had bowling so rewarded and excellent bowling meet such bad luck!

THE NAVY BAT

Phillimore and Davies (Lieut.) opened to Holden at the Yard end and Owen Hughes. I had expected McLellan to be bowled by perhaps Hayward was waiting for the effects of the roller to wear off.

In Holden's second over Phillimore glanced one to fine leg slowly but although the batsman danced a polka mazurka in the middle of the pitch for quite a while he did not get home. Davies glanced a bad ball to fine leg for four and ten went up. The Club bowlers seemed at this time to be doing nothing with the pitch. They kept a length but in no way seemed dangerous. Holden's fourth over was a maiden but if he had had a silly mid-off (as Owen Hughes had) he would have got Davies. As it was Owen Hughes nearly got to it from second slip.

Four runs came from Owen Hughes' next over and then Holden bowled his third maiden. Davies played at one or two on the off but was lucky enough to miss them. Phillimore took a typical left hander's cover drive for four off Owen Hughes who was not bowling his best. Twenty was up and both batsmen looked as happy as possible.

THE BATSMEN, FLOURISH

McLellan then relieved. Owen Hughes and Phillimore ran a quick single to cover who returned a fast one which arriving half volley at the stumps and skidded away for four overthrows. Holden had stuck to it very well and at last Davies did touch one and Hayward had him behind the stumps 30-18.

McLellan found a length in his second over a bit, but runs continued to come easily, and Prowse hit well. He was, however, very lucky to nick Holden between first and second slip for four to send the 60 up. Owen Hughes just failed to get his bat into a shoulder high ball. The next ball went for four past cover. At this time Prowse had scored 23 of which 20 were boundary hits.

THE LONG EXPECTED CHANGE. Alec Pearce then relieved Holden and Prowse hit his first half-century, high to square leg where Ride judged catch 66-2-24. A sturdy knock. To Phillimore Pearce bowled round the wicket with a ring of five fielders from first slip. The middle where New performed prodigies of valour in stopping hot cracks. Davenport turned the first ball of McLellan's next over behind square leg where Alec Pearce made a quick catch. 68-3-0.

WORKS

Kirkwood hit the next ball to the square leg boundary and sent 70 up, but after a single Pearce got Kirkwood caught at mid-off. 73-4-4. Possibly the effects of the roller were now wearing off—or perhaps the change would have worked had it been made earlier. Hayward then put on Wodehouse for McLellan. Two maidens were sent down but the last ball of Pearce's bowled Wodehouse. (74-5-0).

Things looked exciting but the margin was very small and Hayter and Boucher were to come in while Phillimore was apparently set. The latter scored a two and a single and then Wodehouse bowled Hayter with a beauty which came back from the off. If Hayter had gone out to meet it I fancy he would have smothered it. 76-6-0.

At last the two left handers were together. Phillimore forced a three on the off which showed he had been single but for bad fielding. Boucher had a tremendous beat which failed to connect and then one popped and he was caught at second slip off Wodehouse's last ball. (80-7-0).

Next over Phillimore turned Pearce's fifth ball into Ride's hands at forward short leg—80-8-32! Wicket maiden. Forster had a go at Wodehouse's second ball and back went his leg peg. 80-9-0. Fifteen to get and one wicket to go! And Harper was l.b.w. first.

REFLECTIONS

The above record was written during the progress of the game and now for a few reflections made later on. In spite of the fact that no one blamed the wicket very much the ball was certainly doing things. Seeing that it had stopped raining about six the night before and that there had been a breeze and hot sun. I was surprised that Hayward chose to bat as I thought the wicket might roll out easier in the afternoon and as a matter of fact I think it did. Anyway I happen to know that the Navy skipper would have sent the Club in had he won the toss.

Baines and Wodehouse saved the Club. In the Navy innings the roller and cured up the pitch and it took a long time to wear off. Hayward was criticised in the pavilion for keeping Holden on too long. But they were flicking at his off ball and the wicket was hardly ready for Pearce. McLellan told me that up to his last over the pitch was not helping him a bit. I think Hayward chose the psychological moment to make his change, but the Club's rather slovenly fielding had allowed the Navy to make far



Wong Wah-gay, South China "B" custodian saves well when sternly pressed by Fusiliers forwards during the league match on Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

BADMINTON SEASON RESTARTS TO-NIGHT BIG PROGRAMME

Y.M.C.A. MAKE DEBUT

(By "Veritas")

A return to league badminton after a fortnight's adjournment will be made this evening, and more than ordinary interest is invested in the second half of the season's programme inasmuch as the two University teams come into the picture, while Chinese Y.M.C.A., who voluntarily sought transfer from the Junior to the senior division, will match their skill against the Colony's best teams.

All eight teams in the "A" Division are engaged this evening. University "A", who are regarded in several quarters as being the most likely winners of the championship, open their programme with a home match against St. Andrew's.

The Saints' chances of taking points from the Varsity are rather forlorn, but they do exist. At least visiting teams this year will not be faced with court handicaps when they play at the University, for the new gymnasium, with its high ceiling and generally admirable conditions, is being used for badminton. This is a vast improvement on the former court which was situated at Elliot Hall.

I understand the University players have been putting in extensive practice, paying particular attention to developing high clearing shots. Baseline play was formerly the weakness of the Varsity men, but it appears this is now being remedied.

On the face of it, I imagine St. Andrew's will do well to take three games this evening.

Y.M.C.A. DEBUT

The most interesting match of the evening is at Chinese Y.M.C.A., when the Young Men receive Recreio and at the same time make their debut in the senior division. The likelihood of the Y.M.C.A. winning is considerable, as they enjoy a very definite advantage in playing on their own court, which, with its assortment of volleyball, basketball and bagminton court markings, is by no means ideal for the shuttlecock game. In addition the Y.M.C.A. is a powerful team, and fully capable, I imagine of beating Recreio second string, who, although a useful side, is by no means the strongest in the league.

Recreio "A" will pit their might against University "B", and can be expected to win on their own court, while I doubt very much if Free Lancers can avoid defeat against Chinese Recreation Club down at Causeway Bay.

In the "B" Division King's College can expect to be tested by St. John's, a steady, reliable all-round team, though the final result will probably go in favour of the College, who are at home. Victoria Recreation Club look good for a win against St. Andrew's "B", while Kowloon Tong "A" must win against their second string.

WICKETS TUMBLE

(Continued from Page 8.)

ly and finally knocked off the runs with six wickets down. Elvins upon whom the Army relied very much for bowling strength, failed completely to make any impression on the batsmen. Baldwin hit him lustily, while Broadbridge was bold enough to crack him for 4, 6, 0, 4, off successive balls.

SMART POLICE WIN FAILURE OF NAVY BATSMEN HELPS DEFEAT

Held to be a team liable to crack up when playing away from home, the Police on Saturday did their best to belie this impression by visiting the Navy at King's Park and winning on the matting wicket by four wickets.

Navy were without Tel. Foster, their speed merchant, but the biggest reverse suffered was the dismissal for "blobs" of L.S.A. Flynn and Lt. Cdr. D'Arcy Evans. Though Trigg batted valiantly to retrieve lost fortunes, and scored a hearty 71, the total of 134 was quite inadequate against such a formidable batting side as the Police. They proceeded to get the runs for the loss of six wickets, Carey contributing 43, Pope 34, and Loughlin 24.

STOKER'S 7 FOR 20

That his effective bowling against the Police a week ago was not merely a gesture, but a very definite promise of better things to come, was on Saturday proved by W. Stoker, who, playing for the Club second string against University, captured 7 wickets for 20 runs. Club's victory was very decisive, the required 42 runs being obtained for the loss of three wickets. P. C. Frost's 76 was a nicely played knock, and later batsmen enjoyed good practice, though against a somewhat restricted attack.

INTERESTING POSITION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

K.C.C. and Police well placed. Though most of the teams in the second division have reached the halfway stage of their fixtures, the championship is still a very open affair. The best placed teams are K.C.C. and Police. Though Army "B" lead at the moment they have a point in hand of K.C.C. and have played two more matches.

K.C.C. and Club are the two teams with unbeaten records, but the former have drawn two games and the latter three. On the other hand Police have lost one and won the rest of their five encounters.

IRC, the present champions appear to have lost most of their chances of retaining the title, having already lost two matches. It would appear on present form that K.C.C. and Police will be the final contenders for the championship, and perhaps it is fitting the Kowloon last long match of the season should be against the Police. Quite possibly this will determine the championship.

URBAN COUNCIL

It is notified in the Government Gazette that a vacancy has occurred on the Urban Council, necessitating an election. Nominations of candidates to fill the vacancy are invited. Each nomination must be countersigned by the candidate and delivered in a sealed envelope to the Presiding Officer at the Registry, Supreme Court, not later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13. The seat is that occupied by Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, whose term expires. Dr. Basto is offering himself for re-election.

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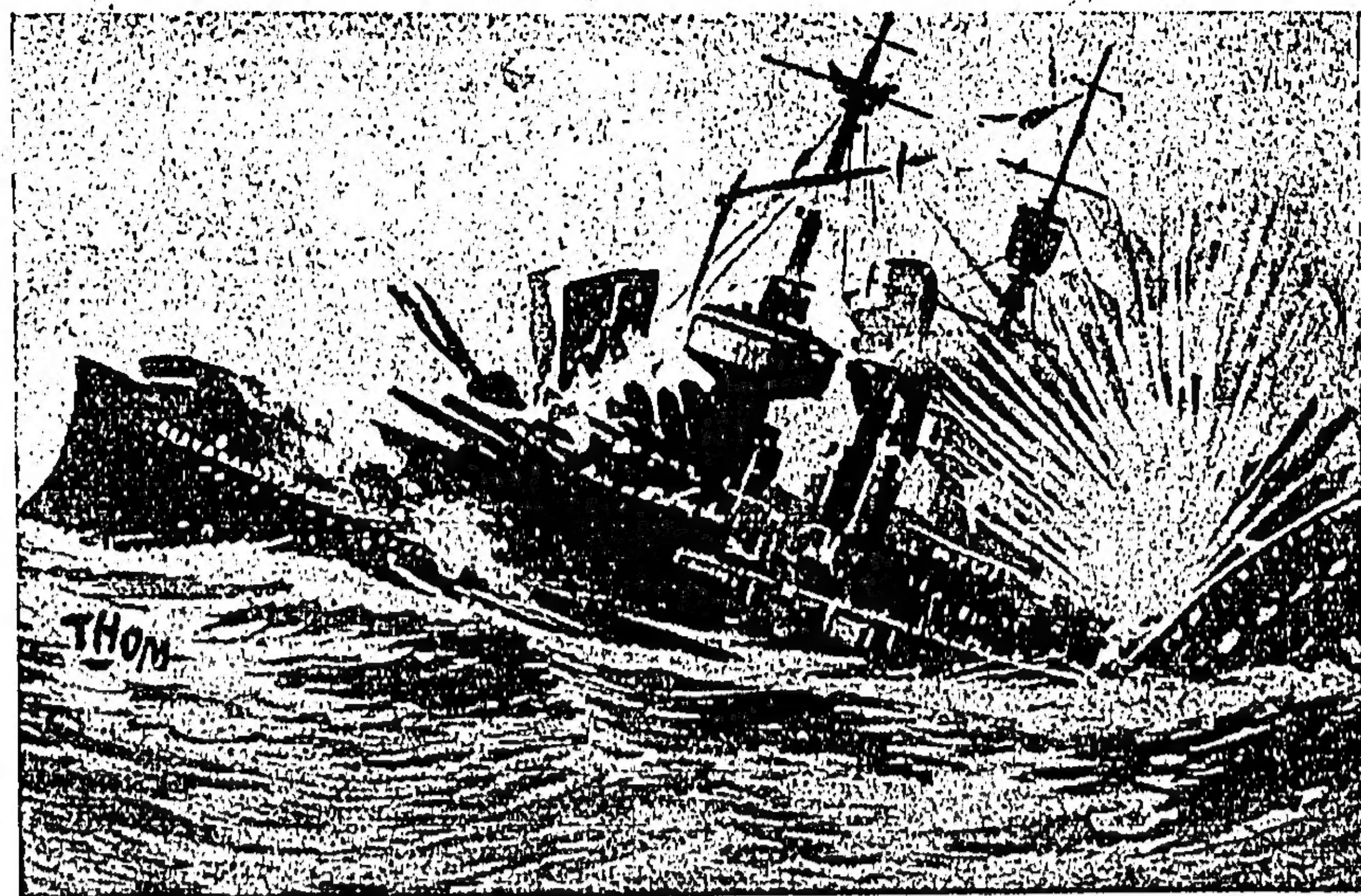
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Torpedoman
Albert E. Pratt

One of the crew of H.M.S.
Natal at the time of
the disaster

TO-DAY IN THE PAST

The Story Of The Blowing-Up of H.M.S. Natal

To-day a naval man tells of the blowing up in the Cromarty Firth on New Year's Eve, 1915, of the armoured cruiser Natal. Four hundred persons on board were killed.



IT is said that the two beetling headlands, scarcely a mile apart, which form the bottle-neck opening to Cromarty Firth in Scotland, are called "The Sutors," because on the crest of each there used to live a cobbler with only one last between the two of them.

This, says legend, they shared by throwing it backwards and forwards as required—"sutor" being the Latin and an old Scottish word for cobbler. But, whatever you may think of this local lore, there can be no doubt that nowhere on the coast of Great Britain is there a better protected or more sequestered natural harbour.

This is the reason Cromarty Firth was the most important naval base during the war. Some of the swiftest and most vital naval dramas had their beginning in that twenty-mile stretch of water with the straggling burgs of Invergordon on the one side and Cromarty on the other.

A Pulse of the War

The Admiralty was constantly in touch with this northern stronghold, for sometimes the entire High Sea Fleet would be moored there in readiness for action.

Special trains often left London secretly in the middle of the night and raced non-stop over those 700 miles that lay between London and Invergordon carrying with them munitions, food supplies, and not infrequently some of the big naval chiefs in a special saloon coach attached to the rear.

Cromarty Firth was one of the pulses of the war.

An urgent message flashed from one of the Sea Lords in London would in a few minutes send a squadron of our greatest ships steaming between "The Sutors."

Towards the end of 1915 there was considerable movement in the Firth.

"The Sutors" had been fortified. A mine-laying station had been established at a local distillery. A line of oil tanks for the refuelling of the great men-of-war of the Fleet stretched for a quarter of a mile along the northern shore.

The water was dotted with every description of craft. There were battleships and cruisers, destroyers and submarines, torpedo-boats and aircraft carriers, mine-layers and minesweepers, and auxiliary craft of various kinds—eighty to a hundred in all.

Among the medley of craft anchored off Cromarty was the 13,500 tons armoured cruiser Natal, one of the last ships of the pre-Dreadnought age.

She had been built a good many years before at a cost of £1,218,244, including her six 9.2 and four 7.5 guns, and normally she carried a complement of 704 officers and men.

On the morning of December 30 there was a good deal of activity aboard the ship, for it was known that the commissioned ranks were giving a New Year party that same afternoon to which their brother officers from other boats had been invited, as well as friends and relations living on shore and nurses from the hospital ships.

The cook had been ordered to prepare a special feast, with all the customary dishes and delicacies of celebration, and the officers' quarters were gaily decorated with flags, bunting and coloured balloons.

The ship's band was to play and there was to be dancing. A cinema show also was included in the programme, and games for the children, of whom a number were to be present.

Lord Jellicoe—then Sir John Jellicoe—and Lady Jellicoe, who were at Invergordon, had been sent an invitation, and were expected aboard the Natal during the festivities.

I remember that day very well—dull and dry, with a cold wind sweeping across the Firth from the north, and causing the smaller of the craft rhythmically to rock in the grey, ruffled waters.

Proud "Ironclad"

Shortly after noon a large number of the men left the ship, myself among them, for, apart from the

fact that the party, excepting a number of helpers from the non-commissioned ranks, was only for officers and their friends, we non-commissioned ones had our own particular pastime—a football match at Cromarty between the petty officers and men of the Natal.

After the match I happened to take a look at the Natal, which lay below the playing field alongside her sister ships—the Shannon, the Cochrane, and the Achilles.

A proud "ironclad" she looked, indeed, with the Union Jack fluttering from her masthead. I wondered how the party was going and if the children were enjoying themselves.

And it was at this moment that there occurred a sight that froze the blood in my veins, that lives with me to this day in nightmares—a sight that set me shouting to my football friends and impelled one and all to rush pell-mell down to the water-side.

A tower of sickly yellow flame had suddenly shot up from the aft of the ship.

It leaped above the masthead. It seemed even to dwarf the mountains in the background.

It struck terror to the hearts of all who saw it—and they say its flash was noticed ten miles away at Fortrose, despite the daylight. It was unmistakably the flash of burning cordite.

Almost simultaneously there sounded a deep, rumbling explosion, that, by reason of its remoteness, seemed to come from the depth of the sea.

It was followed by two sharper explosions. The vessel immediately swung and swayed in alarming fashion. Then she suddenly began to heel

to port. Over, over she slowly went. These of her crew and others who had by then reached the deck slid into the water like beans from a shovel.

Some who managed to cling on to the ship's fixtures made frantic efforts to scramble up the rapidly steepening deck.

Further, further she went, till her rail touched the water with her bilge keel pointing heavenwards.

For a moment she lay there, while a straggling line of survivors floundered on her slimy hull.

Yet another explosion from her depths—so muffled that it seemed more like the dull throb of a pulse—and with a great shudder the Natal had disappeared.

It all happened in less than five minutes. So short had been the enactment of this great disaster that one felt it to have been unreal—the grotesque hallucinations of some haunting nightmare.

Nothing but a seething mass of white foam to mark the spot, dotted with patches of struggling human beings who had survived.

Saved by Teeth

An immediate rush to the rescue was made by every available craft. There was a string of tenders, launches, and tugs, followed by a flotilla of rowing boats and dinghies whose oarsmen pulled feverishly.

The scenes in the water as boats drew alongside were indescribably terrible. Many of the survivors were striving to keep up despite their dreadful injuries caused no doubt by the explosion. Many sank before help came.

There was one man whose hands had been blown off. A rope was thrown to him by a rescue party in a

launch. He gripped the rope with his teeth and was thus drawn to safety.

Not one of the civilians who had gone aboard the cruiser, however, was to be seen. None in fact, has ever been found from that day to this.

No doubt they were imprisoned in the ship where the party was being held.

Perhaps they were already dead before the ship sank, for although, considering the magnitude of the disaster, the detonations were comparatively small, it was apparent when salvage work on the boat began some years later that the force of the concussion must have been terrible.

The entire stern of the ship was found to be missing. Divers discovered pieces of her propellers on the bed of the Firth many yards away from the wreckage.

This surprising disparity between noise and damage is probably because the explosion was well down in the ship below the waterline.

Submarine Theory

Many theories were advanced to account for the disaster.

At first it was thought that an enemy submarine had succeeded in eluding the defences of "The Sutors" and passed between them into the Firth, but this view was subsequently dismissed, because it was unlikely that any under-water craft could have safely negotiated the network of mines laid at the entrance to the Firth.

Another conjecture was that an enemy agent had introduced an infernal machine into one of the after magazines.

Yet the magazines and shell rooms which it was assumed had exploded and caused the ship to sink were found intact by the salvors.

Even their cordite charges and projectiles were discovered still in their places.

The theory which gained greatest ground was that an infernal machine set to explode at a given hour was introduced into the ship's coal bunkers. The fact that the Natal had returned from a Liverpool docking only a few days before the disaster, and it was notorious that the dock gates were unguarded and that even eighteen months after the outbreak of war it was a comparatively easy matter for any one to board vessels in the guise of workmen, coupled with the coincidence that the other two battleships destroyed by internal explosions during the war—the Vanguard and the Bulwark—were coal-burning ships, lent a certain credence to the theory.

Moreover, it was well known that during the war Germany produced skilfully camouflaged bombs to resemble blocks of coal, oil drums and parts of ship's gear in readiness for the opportunity to "plant" them in British battleships.

Yet another hazard as to the cause of the disaster, discussed at the time was that the cinematograph film that was to have been shown accidentally caught alight and ignited the explosives aboard.

But this has since been discounted by the discovery by divers of the film, quite intact, strips of which practically every one in the surrounding towns and villages now possesses as a souvenir.

Wonderful Escapes

Perhaps the most feasible explanation is that in some way one of the magazines became ignited and exploded, immediately flooding the others. This would account for the salvors finding them intact.

This theory is most possibly correct, since the Natal at the time

was in harbour trim with all her water-tight doors open.

No one will ever be able to relate what actually happened in those few terrible minutes.

Of those who were in the very heart of the ship none survived, for even if they were alive after the explosion their escape was cut off through the concussion slamming and jamming the doors of the interior gangways.

Salvors had to huck them, open when working on the ship.

Of those who were picked out to the water alive shortly after the disaster every one was too dazed to give a coherent story. In all 428 officers, men, nurses and civilians were lost. A number of survivors later succumbed from their injuries.

Many stories of miraculous escapes were told. One man ashore missed the launch which would have put him aboard the Natal five minutes before the disaster.

An Invergordon doctor and his wife were among those invited. They were about to leave their house for the Natal when a telephone message called the doctor to an accident in the town. He tried to persuade his wife "not to miss the fun," and preceded him to the party.

He would follow later. She, however, insisted on waiting his return from his case. Before he came back for her the Natal had disappeared.

The news that Sir John and Lady Jellicoe were aboard the cruiser spread through the town, but as it happened they were, fortunately, unable at the last minute to attend the celebrations.

Black Isle, as they call Cromarty and the surrounding locality, is constantly reminded of the tragic fate of that proud ship and those who were aboard in the grim monument that every day emerges from the water when the tide ebbs.

Then the long line of the Natal's "bilge" keel can be plainly seen protruding several feet above the water like the humped back of a whale, surmounted each end by a beacon to safeguard shipping in the channel.

There she lies, masts downwards, at a slight angle which brings up her "bilge" keel squarely from the water's surface.

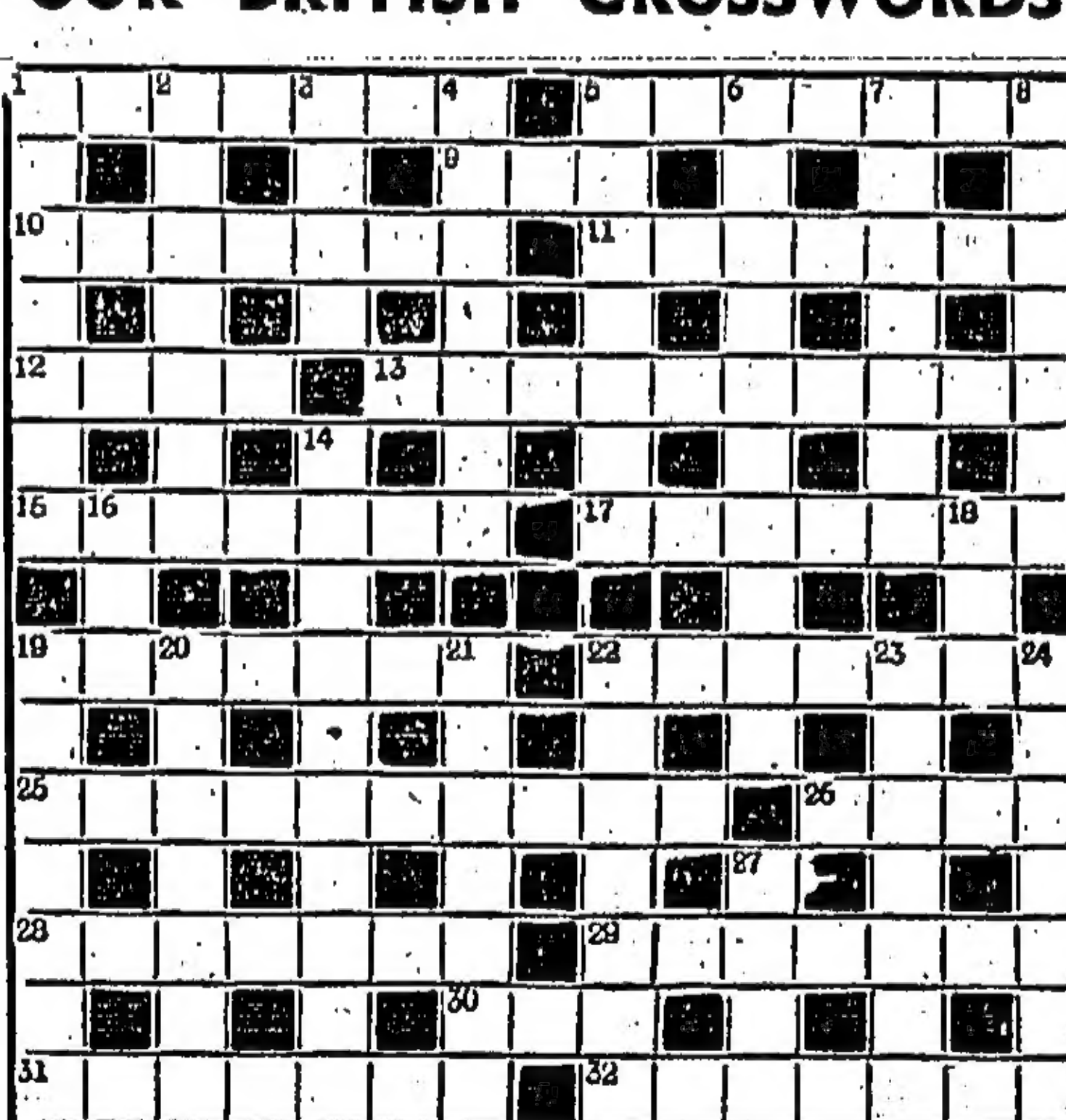
Occasionally the ferryman who plies between Cromarty and Invergordon will leave his usual line of route and draw up alongside the ship to enable a relative, a passenger in his boat, reverently to place a wreath of flowers on her wave-washed wreckage.

Razor Blades Now

Sometimes a diver, groping his way about her watery barnacle-hung corridors in connection with the salvage work, will come across an ominous heap of bleached bones. A naval funeral with full honours is at once given to the remains.

Meanwhile work on salvaging the metal has been going slowly ahead for some years, and by an ironical trick of fate the heavy plates of high tensile steel that were intended to protect her from the attacks of her adversaries are now being cut and ground into blades for safety razors.

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ACROSS

- 1 A naval battle here would be paradoxical.
- 5 The golfer who buys this is concerned with the sphere of economy.
- 9 Things in this are probably wanted.
- 10 These flatten the sands.
- 11 Put the grate around in the wrong way and the result is hard.
- 12 An architectural feature that changed the fashion.
- 13 Where America takes stock (two words).
- 15 Double.
- 17 "Star tie" (anag.).
- 19 An old master.
- 22 May, perhaps.
- 25 A statement that might clear up a 24 down.
- 26 This is indeed fortunate.
- 28 A nautical cord.
- 29 Reports of this are rife in war.
- 30 An expressive part of 22 down.
- 31 "He heats" (anag.).
- 32 This vehicle has a distinct rotary movement in it.

DOWN

- 1 Semi-precious stone.
- 2 Cool mob makes a hot town.
- 3 Worry.
- 4 This may be all over the fruit.
- 5 A collection to make Bill Sikes' mouth water.
- 6 A growing concern.
- 7 It's a cool customer that has this quality.

- 8 It has wings, but cannot fly; it has flies that cannot take wing.
- 14 Neutralise with suggestion of sale.
- 16 A personal query.
- 18 Part of 15 across.
- 19 Companions of combs.
- 20 A sorry performance, so to speak.
- 21 Think of what is left, and it will be right.
- 22 This is conveyed here, but not even in the middle.
- 23 An amateur of arresting power.
- 24 A puzzling thing this.
- 27 Italian river.

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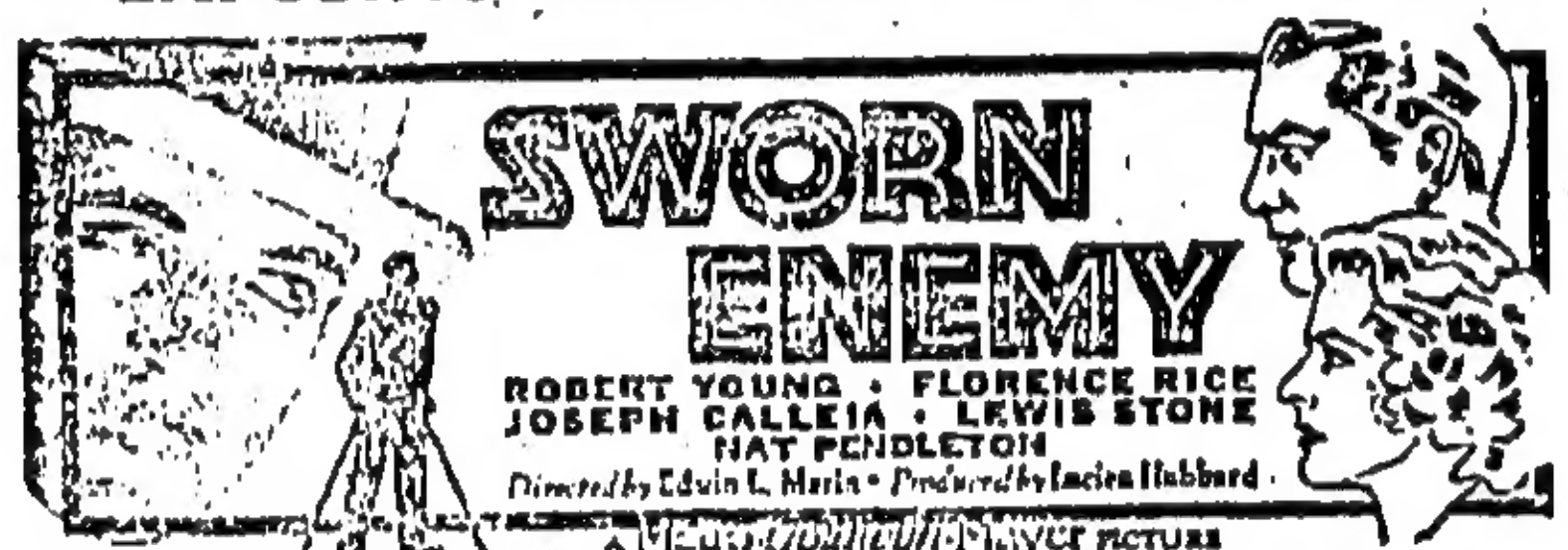
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The Hague, Jan. 3.
Following the release of their passports, the family of the Duke of Mecklenburg and about 40 German princes and other nobles, are expected here to-morrow. They are coming to the Dutch capital for the marriage of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld.

It is possible that Prince Bernhard's mother, the Princess Amberg, will be unable to attend the ceremony on account of ill-health.—Reuter.

The difficulty of the German princes with respect to passports arose out of the incident at the Hague at which, Nazi leaders, the Swastika was insulted. The Swastika was not flown at an international football match and again it is asserted, it was torn down by Dutchmen. All Swastika flags flying in the Hague are now being closely guarded, that German susceptibilities will not be further outraged.

JAPANESE SHIPS FIRE ON SHORE

ALARMING INCIDENT
PUZZLES CHINESE

Shanghai, Jan. 4.
Inquiries in local Japanese circles to-day failed to confirm Chinese reports that 10 Japanese warships, on January 2, swept the shore of Taitung, eastern Kwangsu, with machine-gun fire for half an hour before proceeding up-river. It was suggested, however, that the warships might have been conducting "target practice" or retaliating after having been fired on.—Reuter.

GOLD PRODUCTION INCREASES

RUSSIAN MINES MAKE
SWIFT ADVANCE

New York, Jan. 3.
The Bureau of Metal Statistics has reported that the world gold production for 1936 would total approximately 34,000,000 ounces. This compares with 30,000,000 ounces of world production in 1935. Also it was estimated that the Russian gold output for the year 1936 was 20 per cent. above that of 1935.—United Press.

CANADA'S RAYON OUTPUT GAINS

Washington, Jan. 3.
The Department of Commerce reports that the Canadian silk and rayon industry is showing a sharply upward trend. The valuation of the production in 1935 was \$28,045,000 compared with \$14,470,000 in 1929, while the number of establishments engaged in the industry is now 33 compared with 28 in 1929, located in Quebec and Ontario.—United Press.

SWEATER THEFT PREVIOUS CONVICTION DENIED

Kong Ying, 31, unemployed, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning for a theft of a white woollen sweater, valued at \$8, from Mr. E. E. Kent, of 13 Bay View Mansions. According to Sub-inspector Mangwick, the theft occurred on Thursday last and defendant was arrested three days later at Bay View Mansions by a Chinese detective whose suspicions were aroused by the man's behaviour. Defendant was searched and a pawn ticket was found on him, relating to the sweater. He also had \$1.72.

His Worship ordered defendant to pay \$1.70 as amends to complainant. Defendant denied that he had a previous conviction and His Worship thereupon remanded the case until to-morrow for enquiries to be made on that point.

ZBW FAILURE OFFICIAL REPORT ON DEFECT

A report on Z.B.W. failure yesterday states:—Owing to a defect to the low tension power supply to this transmitter, it was impossible to transmit the mid-day European programme and the first part of the evening programme. Z.B.W. transmitted the usual mid-day and afternoon Chinese programme and was then used for the European programme until temporary repairs were effected on Z.B.W. and the transmitter brought into use at about 2.35 p.m. Z.B.W.'s short-wave transmitter was not affected and broadcast the usual programme.

INFLATION CAMPAIGN RENEWED

STRUGGLE EXPECTED
IN CONGRESS

OPPOSITION BY
BANKERS

Washington, Jan. 3.
The proponents of inflation in the coming Congress are geared for a combined drive to prevent the currency definition movements which are attributed to banking influences.

They have indicated that they are commencing a fight for the \$3,000,000,000 farm mortgage inflation measure.

Representative William Lemke, Republican of North Dakota, has announced that he is introducing the Farm Mortgage Inflationary Bill, while Representative John E. Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, has announced that he is joining Senator Elmer Thomas, Democrat of Oklahoma in a bloc movement against the "sterilisation" of gold.

The Farm-Labour Representative for Wisconsin, Mr. Gerald J. Bollen, has predicted that the House of Representatives "progressive" bloc next week will take a definite stand in favour of the Frasier-Lemke Mortgage Bill.

There are other bloc movements also worrying the Administration.

These include the drought State bloc, which is demanding more work relief and aid for the farmers, and also a faction which is seeking early action on a broad Constitutional amendment stripping the Supreme Court of its powers.—United Press.

FLEEING MAN CAUGHT

AFTER CHASE BY
MOTOR-CAR

Getting into his "baby" car, Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens gave chase to and arrested a fleeing Chinese who had assaulted another Chinese on the street outside Mr. Stephens' house in Prince Edward Road on Sunday night.

Appearing before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the man, Tang Kuen, 23, stone-mason, was charged with assaulting Lai Sang, 38, also a stone-mason. He was bound over in the sum of \$10 for one year, and ordered to pay \$2 compensation to Lai, who was cut slightly on the head, or undergo two weeks' imprisonment.

Inspector F. T. J. Portillon said that earlier in the day the two men had been involved in a quarrel, and about 6 p.m., Tang and four other Chinese attacked Lai as he was going home with his wife.

Hearing a commotion just outside his house, 353 Prince Edward Road, Mr. Stephens came out and saw Lai on the ground, blood streaming from a scalp wound. He also saw Tang and another man running along a piece of waste ground—bordered by Leven Road and Prince Edward Road in the direction of Argyle Street.

Urged by Lai's wife, he got into his car and gave chase, catching Tang near the junction of Argyle Street with Leven Road, and bringing him back to the scene of the assault, where an Indian constable took charge of the prisoner.

BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON

PROTEST MADE BY
AMBASSADOR

London, Jan. 3.
The Ambassador to Spain, who is at Hendaye, has been instructed to call the attention of the Burgos authorities to the incident in which the British steamship Black Hill, 2,492 tons, of Newcastle, was involved on Friday.

While on passage in ballast from Bayonne to Santander to load iron ore for the Tyne, the Black Hill was fired on by a trawler, which is reported to have been a Spanish insurgent vessel. Sixteen shots were fired, but all fell short, and the Black Hill easily outdistanced her pursuer into Santander.

Sir Henry Chilton, in view of reports that the trawler belonged to the insurgent forces, will protest to the authorities at Burgos against its action.—British Wireless.

PROTEST LODGED

Hendaye, Jan. 4.
Great Britain has directed her Ambassador to Spain, Sir Henry Chilton, to protest to the rebel forces against the attack on the British merchantman, Black Hill.

Simultaneously, the German News Agency, Berlin, and the Black Hill's owners, of Newcastle, denied that the cruiser Koenigsberg had halted the ship. These sources state that a trawler, allegedly a rebel, fired 16 shots at the Black Hill in the Bay of Biscay but that the British ship escaped damage and is at present at Santander.—United Press.

CONSTABLES IN OPIUM DIVAN

"DISGRACE TO THE FORCE"

"I consider it a disgraceful exhibition; you are a disgrace to the force you represent," declared Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when two Chinese constables were brought before him for misconducting themselves by being found in an opium divan. They were Chung Yik, aged 27, PCC 447, and Tang Chan, aged 20, PCC 319.

Inspector Portillon said that about 11.25 p.m. on December 20, Police Sergeant Banks was on patrol in Pak Tai Street, Hung Hom. Outside house No. 16 he saw PCC 657 who should have been on patrol with PCC 133.

Sergeant Banks was about to ask him where his companion was when the man in question came out of No. 16. He said he had just gone inside to see what kind of a place it was. Entering the place, Sergeant Banks found that the whole of the ground floor was used as an opium divan.

Lying on a bed were the two defendants, in full uniform, smoking opium. At that time they should have been on duty in Kowloon City beats.

The first constable was fined \$100, or three months, while the other, on a bail of \$100, was fined similarly.

QUEEN MARY BETTER

London, Jan. 3.
Queen Mary, who is still at Sandringham with the King and Queen, is stated to have quite recovered from the cold which kept her indoors at Christmas time.—British Wireless.

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